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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT VULNERABLE CITIZENS RECEIVE
10 MEDICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE TREATMENT OF LIFE-
11 ALTERING ILLNESS AND FOR SUSTAINING A PRODUCTIVE
12 QUALITY OF LIFE; TO CREATE THE CONTINUITY OF CARE ACT
13 OF 2013; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO ENSURE THAT VULNERABLE CITIZENS

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RECEIVE MEDICATIONS FOR LIFE-ALTERING

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ILLNESS; AND TO CREATE THE CONTINUITY OF

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CARE ACT OF 2013.

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1, is*

26 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

27 *23-79-156. Notification of drug formulary changes.*

28 *(a)(1) A health benefit plan that provides prescription drug coverage*
29 *or contracts with a third party for prescription drug services with tiered*
30 *copayments shall notify an enrollee presently taking a prescription drug, in*
31 *writing or electronically at the request of the enrollee, at least sixty (60)*
32 *days before an increase in the enrollees' financial responsibility as a*
33 *result of a modification by the health benefit plan to the health benefit*
34 *plan's drug formulary.*

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(2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section does not apply to a

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