For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES PERFORMED BY A WALK-IN CLINIC OR EMERGENT CARE CLINIC WHEN THE PATIENT DOES NOT HAVE A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER ASSIGNED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES PERFORMED BY A WALK-IN CLINIC OR EMERGENT CARE CLINIC WHEN THE PATIENT DOES NOT HAVE A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER ASSIGNED.

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

SECTION 1.  Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:


(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Emergent care clinic" means a walk-in clinic focused on the delivery of ambulatory care in a facility outside of traditional emergency care; and

(2) "Walk-in clinic" means a medical clinic that accepts patients on a walk-in basis and without an appointment.

(b) When a Medicaid beneficiary who does not have an assigned primary care provider utilizes or attempts to utilize a walk-in clinic or emergent care clinic, the provider shall provide the Medicaid beneficiary with a written statement of the services provided and the amount charged for those services. The statement shall be submitted to the Medicaid program in accordance with the procedures established by the Arkansas Department of Human Services.
care clinic, the walk-in clinic or emergency care clinic shall not decline to treat the patient due to his or her lack of a primary care provider.

(c) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for up to four (4) healthcare visits per year at a walk-in clinic or emergent care clinic when the Medicaid beneficiary does not have a primary care provider assigned if the walk-in clinic or emergent care clinic is associated with a hospital.

/s/Pilkington

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