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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1862

5 By: Representative L. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT REQUIRING *CERTAIN REFERRALS* FROM A
9 PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER IN ORDER FOR A BENEFICIARY IN
10 THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO RECEIVE MENTAL
11 HEALTH COUNSELING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 *TO PROHIBIT REQUIRING CERTAIN REFERRALS*
15 *FROM A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER IN ORDER FOR*
16 *A BENEFICIARY IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID*
17 *PROGRAM TO RECEIVE MENTAL HEALTH*
18 *COUNSELING.*
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 20-77-142. Prohibition on referrals for mental health counseling.

27 *The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall not require a beneficiary to first*
28 *obtain a referral from a primary care provider before receiving mental health*
29 *counseling for the first ten (10) visits for mental health counseling.*
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31 /s/L. Johnson
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34 APPROVED: 4/25/21
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