Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 482 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S2/25/25		
2	95th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2025		SENATE BILL 100	
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5	By: Senator C. Penzo			
6	By: Representatives Gramlich	, Springer		
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO			
10	RECOGNIZE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS A PRIMARY CARE			
11	PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.			
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14		Subtitle		
15	TO AU	JTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID		
16	PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE A PHYSICIAN			
17	ASSIS	STANT AS A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER	.	
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF	ARKANSAS:	
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21	SECTION 1. Arka	nsas Code Title 20, Chapter 77,	Subchapter 1, is	
22	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:			
23	20-77-154. Primary care provider for Arkansas Medicaid Program —			
24	Physician assistant.			
25	(a) If authoriz	ed by a physician assistant's s	upervising physician,	
26	the Arkansas Medicaid	Program shall recognize a physi-	cian assistant licensed	
27	by the Arkansas State	Medical Board as a primary care	provider authorized to	
28	carry out the followin	g duties of a primary care case	manager:	
29	<u>(1) Being</u>	recognized and serving as the	<u>initial healthcare</u>	
30	provider in the progra	m; and		
31	<u>(2) Treat</u>	ing a patient within the scope	of practice and	
32	licensure of a physician assistant under § 17-105-107.			
33	(b) The program shall reimburse a physician assistant:			
34	(1) Not 1	(1) Not less than the current reimbursement rate for services		
35	performed within the s	cope of practice and licensure	of the physician	
36	assistant: and			



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1	(2) One hundred percent (100%) of the physician reimbursement		
2	rate for all out-of-pocket costs incurred by the physician assistant such as		
3	the costs of laboratory tests, X-rays, and any additional tests ordered or		
4	conducted by the physician assistant.		
5	(c) A healthcare insurance policy in which the premiums are paid		
6	directly or indirectly by the program also shall recognize and reimburse \underline{a}		
7	physician assistant under subsections (a) and (b) of this section.		
8	(d) This section does not increase the scope of practice or licensur		
9	of a physician assistant.		
10	(e) When initially applying to the program to be recognized as a		
11	primary care provider and case manager under this section, a physician		
12	assistant shall provide a written authorization that is signed and dated by		
13	his or her supervising physician.		
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15	/s/C. Penzo		
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