Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 1260 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed:	^{s3/27/13} s4/5/13 A Bill		
2	89th General Assembly				
3	Regular Session, 2013			SENATE BILL 916	
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5	By: Senators J. Woods, E. Cheatham, J. Dismang, J. English, S. Flowers, J. Hutchinson, D. Wyatt				
6	By: Representatives Harris, Baine, Gillam, Neal				
7 8		For An Act	To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT VULNERABLE CITIZENS RECEIVE				
9 10	MEDICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE TREATMENT OF LIFE-				
	ALTERING ILLNESS AND FOR SUSTAINING A PRODUCTIVE				
11	QUALITY OF LIFE; TO CREATE THE CONTINUITY OF CARE ACT				
12	OF 2013; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.				
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16	Subtitle				
17	TO ENSURE THAT VULNERABLE CITIZENS				
18	RECEIVE MEDICATIONS FOR LIFE-ALTERING				
19	ILLNESS; AND TO CREATE THE CONTINUITY OF				
20	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. Ar	kansas Code Title	23, Chapter 79, Subc.	hapter l, 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.				
35	(2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section does not apply to a				
36	generic substitution for a prescription drug.				



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1	(b) This section does not apply to coverage for a drug that is
2	determined by a pharmacy and a therapeutics committee to be subject to new
3	safety warnings.
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5	SECTION 2. Effective date. Section 1 of this act is effective on and
6	after January 1, 2014.
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8	/s/J. Woods
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