Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 1092 of the Regular Session

1 2	State of Arkansas 91st General Assembly	As Engrossed: H2/15/17 $ m A~Bill$		
3	Regular Session, 2017		HOUSE BILL 1183	
4	Regular Session, 2017		HOUSE BILL 1103	
5	By: Representative Dotson			
6	By: Senator Caldwell			
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY AND EFFICIENCY OF			
10	CHIROPRACTIC COVERAGE IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID			
11	PROGRAM; TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS			
12	TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A			
13	PRIMARY CAR	E PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE	S.	
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22	FROM A	A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN.		
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GE	NERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARK	ANSAS:	
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27	SECTION 1. DO NO	T CODIFY. <u>Legislative intent.</u>		
28	It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide consistency and			
29	efficiency of chiroprac	tic coverage in the Arkansas Medic	aid Program.	
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31	SECTION 2. Arkan	sas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Sub	chapter l, is	
32	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:			
33	20-77-132. Direct access to chiropractic physicians.			
34		(a) On or before January 1, 2018, the Department of Human Services		
35	shall adopt rules to allow a Medicaid recipient direct access to a			
36	chiropractic physician.			

As Engrossed: H2/15/17 HB1183

1	(b) Rules adopted under this section shall:		
2	(1) Allow a Medicaid recipient to receive diagnosis and		
3	treatment from a chiropractic physician without a referral from a primary		
4	care physician;		
5	(2) Direct the Division of Medical Services of the Department of		
6	Human Services to develop a process for reporting diagnosis, treatment, costs		
7	of services, and cost-savings benefits under this section; and		
8	(3) Specify that a chiropractic physician who provides diagnosis		
9	or treatment, or both, under this section shall receive the same		
10	reimbursement as if the Medicaid recipient had been referred to the		
11	chiropractic physician by a primary care physician.		
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