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2 91st General Assembly

A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1264

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5 By: Representative Pilkington

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

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

27 20-77-132. Walk-in clinic and emergent care clinic – Medicaid
28 reimbursement.

29 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

35 (b) When a Medicaid beneficiary who does not have an assigned primary
36 care provider utilizes or attempts to utilize a walk-in clinic or emergent



1 care clinic, the walk-in clinic or emergency care clinic shall not decline to
2 treat the patient due to his or her lack of a primary care provider.

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

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