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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "HEALTHCARE
11 PROVIDER" UNDER THE PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 1995;
12 TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "HEALTHCARE PROVIDER" AS
13 USED UNDER THE ANY WILLING PROVIDER LAWS; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 PROVIDER" UNDER THE PATIENT PROTECTION
20 ACT OF 1995; TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF
21 "HEALTHCARE PROVIDER" AS USED UNDER THE
22 ANY WILLING PROVIDER LAWS.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-203(d), concerning the definition of
28 "healthcare provider" under the Patient Protection Act of 1995, is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (d) "Healthcare provider" means those individuals or entities licensed
31 by the State of Arkansas to provide healthcare services, limited to the
32 following:

- 33 (1) Advanced practice nurses;
34 (2) Athletic trainers;
35 (3) Audiologists;
36 (4) Certified behavioral health providers;



- 1 (5) Certified orthotists;
- 2 ~~(5)~~(6) Chiropractors;
- 3 ~~(6)~~(7) Community mental health centers or clinics;
- 4 ~~(7)~~(8) Dentists;
- 5 ~~(8)~~(9) Home health care;
- 6 ~~(9)~~(10) Hospice care;
- 7 ~~(10)~~(11) Hospital-based services;
- 8 ~~(11)~~(12) Hospitals;
- 9 ~~(12)~~(13) Licensed ambulatory surgery centers;
- 10 ~~(13)~~(14) Licensed certified social workers;
- 11 ~~(14)~~(15) Licensed dietitians;
- 12 (16) Licensed intellectual and developmental disabilities
- 13 service providers;
- 14 ~~(15)~~(17) Licensed professional counselors;
- 15 ~~(16)~~(18) Licensed psychological examiners;
- 16 ~~(17)~~(19) Long-term care facilities;
- 17 ~~(18)~~(20) Occupational therapists;
- 18 ~~(19)~~(21) Optometrists;
- 19 ~~(20)~~(22) Pharmacists;
- 20 ~~(21)~~(23) Physical therapists;
- 21 ~~(22)~~(24) Physicians and surgeons (M.D. and D.O.);
- 22 ~~(23)~~(25) Podiatrists;
- 23 ~~(24)~~(26) Prosthetists;
- 24 ~~(25)~~(27) Psychologists;
- 25 ~~(26)~~(28) Respiratory therapists;
- 26 ~~(27)~~(29) Rural health clinics; and
- 27 ~~(28)~~(30) Speech pathologists.

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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-99-802(4), concerning the definition of

30 "healthcare provider" as used under the any willing provider laws, is amended

31 to read as follows:

32 (4) "Healthcare provider" or "provider" means those individuals

33 or entities licensed by the State of Arkansas to provide healthcare services,

34 limited to the following:

- 35 (A) Advanced practice nurses;
- 36 (B) Athletic trainers;

- 1 (C) Audiologists;
- 2 (D) Certified behavioral health providers;
- 3 (E) Certified orthotists;
- 4 ~~(E)~~(F) Chiropractors;
- 5 ~~(F)~~(G) Community mental health centers or clinics;
- 6 ~~(G)~~(H) Dentists;
- 7 ~~(H)~~(I) Home health care;
- 8 ~~(I)~~(J) Hospice care;
- 9 ~~(J)~~(K) Hospital-based services;
- 10 ~~(K)~~(L) Hospitals;
- 11 ~~(L)~~(M) Licensed ambulatory surgery centers;
- 12 ~~(M)~~(N) Licensed certified social workers;
- 13 ~~(N)~~(O) Licensed dietitians;
- 14 ~~(O)~~(P) Licensed durable medical equipment providers;
- 15 (Q) Licensed intellectual and developmental disabilities
- 16 service providers;
- 17 ~~(P)~~(R) Licensed professional counselors;
- 18 ~~(Q)~~(S) Licensed psychological examiners;
- 19 ~~(R)~~(T) Long-term care facilities;
- 20 ~~(S)~~(U) Occupational therapists;
- 21 ~~(T)~~(V) Optometrists;
- 22 ~~(U)~~(W) Pharmacists;
- 23 ~~(V)~~(X) Physical therapists;
- 24 ~~(W)~~(Y) Physicians and surgeons (M.D. and D.O.);
- 25 ~~(X)~~(Z) Podiatrists;
- 26 ~~(Y)~~(AA) Prosthetists;
- 27 ~~(Z)~~(BB) Psychologists;
- 28 ~~(AA)~~(CC) Respiratory therapists;
- 29 ~~(BB)~~(DD) Rural health clinics;
- 30 ~~(CC)~~(EE) Speech pathologists; and
- 31 ~~(DD)~~(FF) Other healthcare practitioners as determined by
- 32 the ~~department~~ State Insurance Department in ~~regulations~~ rules promulgated
- 33 under the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.;

APPROVED: 3/5/19