Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 303 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: \$2/9/23 \$2/14/23
2	94th General Assembly A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2023 SENATE BILL 112
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5	By: Senator J. Boyd
6	By: Representatives Pilkington, Gramlich
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled
9	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO BE
10	IDENTIFIED AS A TREATING PROVIDER FOR INSURANCE
11	BILLING AND CLAIMS AND TO BILL AND RECEIVE PAYMENT
12	FOR PROVIDED HEALTHCARE SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER
13	PURPOSES.
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17	TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO BE
18	IDENTIFIED AS A TREATING PROVIDER FOR
19	INSURANCE BILLING AND CLAIMS AND TO BILL
20	AND RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR PROVIDED
21	HEALTHCARE SERVICES.
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-105-101, concerning definitions
27	regarding licensure and regulation of physician assistants, is amended to add
28	additional subdivisions to read as follows:
29	(4) "Health benefit plan" means a plan, policy, contract,
30	certificate, agreement, or other evidence of coverage for healthcare services
31	offered or issued by a healthcare insurer in this state; and
32	(5)(A) "Healthcare insurer" means an entity that is subject to
33	state insurance regulation and provides health insurance in this state.
34	(B) "Healthcare insurer" includes:
35	(i) An insurance company;
36	(ii) A hospital and medical service corporation;

1	(iii) A health maintenance organization;
2	(iv) A risk-based provider organization; and
3	(v) Any sponsor of a nonfederal self-funded
4	governmental plan.
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6	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 105, Subchapter 1, is
7	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:
8	17-105-125. Insurer billing and payment.
9	(a) If authorized by the supervising physician, a physician assistant
10	shall be:
11	(1) Identified as the treating provider in billing and claims
12	processes when the physician assistant delivered the medical services to the
13	patient; and
14	(2) Allowed to file claims as the billing provider for medical
15	services delivered by the physician assistant to a patient that:
16	(A) Is a Medicaid beneficiary; or
17	(B) Has a health benefit plan provided by a healthcare
18	<u>insurer.</u>
19	(b) Under this section, a health benefit plan provided by a healthcare
20	insurer or the Arkansas Medicaid Program shall not require the physical
21	presence of the supervising physician as provided in § 17-105-101(3).
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23	/s/J. Boyd
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