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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1831

AN ACT TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS TO CHIROPRACTORS
WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1831

Amend House Bill No. 1831 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 9 delete "CHIROPRACTORS" and substitute "A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS
DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC
PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A
PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

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

20-77-125. Direct access to chiropractic physicians.

(a) On or before June 30, 2012, the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to allow a Medicaid recipient direct access to a chiropractic physician.

(b) Rules adopted under this section shall:

(1) Allow a Medicaid recipient to receive diagnosis and treatment from a chiropractic physician without a referral from a primary care physician;

(2) Direct the Division of Medical Services of the Department of Human Services to develop a process for reporting diagnosis, treatment, costs of services, and cost-savings benefits under this section; and

(3) Specify that a chiropractic physician who provides diagnosis or treatment, or both, under this section shall receive the same reimbursement as if the Medicaid recipient had been referred to the chiropractic physician by a primary care physician."



The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative McLean
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Chief Clerk