

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1143**

TO CREATE THE HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 2013; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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**Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 1143**

Amend House Bill No. 1143 as engrossed, H4/3/13 (version: 04/03/2013 10:48:26 AM):

Page 1, delete line 20 and substitute the following:

"WHEREAS, Arkansas has historically addressed state-specific needs to achieve personal responsibility and affordable health care for its citizens such as the ARHealthNetworks partnership between the state and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas has initiated nationally recognized and transformative changes in the healthcare delivery system through alignment of payment incentives, health care delivery system improvements, enhanced rural health care access, initiatives to reduce waste, fraud and abuse, policies and plan structures to encourage the proper utilization of the healthcare system, and policies to advance disease prevention and health promotion; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas is uniquely situated to serve as a laboratory of comprehensive and innovative healthcare reform that can reduce the state and federal obligations to entitlement spending; and

WHEREAS, faced with the disruptive challenges from federal legislation and regulations, the General Assembly asserts its responsibility for local control and innovation to achieve health care access, improved health care quality, reduce traditional Medicaid enrollment, remove disincentives for work and social mobility, and required cost-containment; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly hereby creates the Health Care Independence Act of 2013;

NOW THEREFORE,

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

AND

Page 4, delete lines 15 and 16 and substitute the following:

"(b)(1) Implementation of the program is conditioned upon the receipt of necessary federal approvals.



(2) If the Department of Human Services does not receive the necessary federal approvals, the program shall not be implemented."

AND

Page 4, delete lines 32 through 34 and substitute the following:

"(2) Upon the receipt of necessary federal approval, during calendar year 2015 the Department of Human Services shall include and transition to the Health Insurance Marketplace:"

AND

Page 5, line 4, delete "develop" and substitute "develop and implement"

AND

Page 6, delete line 3 and substitute the following:

"2015.

(3) As soon as practicable, the Department of Human Services shall seek conditional federal approval to place Health Saving Accounts and Medical Savings Accounts on the Health Insurance Marketplace."

AND

Page 7, delete line 28 and substitute the following:

"20-77-2101 et seq., including without limitation:

(A) Increases in premium tax collections;

(B) Reductions in uncompensated care; and

(C) Other spending reductions resulting from the Health Care Independence Act of 2013, 20-77-2101 et seq."

AND

Page 7, delete line 33 and substitute the following:

"the Health Care Independence Act of 2013, § 20-77-2101 et seq.

SECTION 3. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. (a) The implementation of this act is suspended until a specific appropriation for the implementation of this act is passed by a three-fourths vote of both houses of the Eighty-Ninth General Assembly.

(b) If a specific appropriation for the implementation of this act is not passed by the Eighty-Ninth General Assembly, this act is void."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

**By: Representative J. Burris**  
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