

ARKANSAS SENATE
89th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2013
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 888

TO PROVIDE PARITY FOR MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 888

Amend Senate Bill No. 888 as originally introduced:

Add Senator Irvin as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Add Representative Ferguson as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO PROVIDE PARITY FOR MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT; TO REQUIRE
PAYMENT OF AT LEAST THE MEDICARE RELATIVE VALUE UNIT RATE FOR DIGITAL
MAMMOGRAPHY UNTIL A CPT CODE IS ESTABLISHED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Health insurance payments to healthcare providers are primarily driven by Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes;

(2) If a Current Procedural Terminology code is not available for a healthcare procedure, temporary Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) G codes are used until a Current Procedural Terminology code is established;

(3) In the struggle against breast cancer, digital mammography provides a powerful proven tool for early detection of disease, facilitating early intervention and increasing the chances for a complete recovery; and

(4) There is limited access to digital mammography service particularly in rural areas of the state because of the significant increase in the cost of equipment and time and the lack of adjustment of payment.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-79-140, concerning insurance coverage for mammograms, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) After January 1, 2014, an accident and health insurance company, hospital service corporation, health maintenance organization, or other accident and health insurance provider shall use the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System G code for digital mammography and reimburse those codes at a minimum of one and five tenths (1.5) times the Medicare reimbursement rate for those codes until a Current Procedural Terminology code is established."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Senator Bledsoe
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Secretary