

ARKANSAS SENATE
90th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2015
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 316

TO REGULATE THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE FOR TREATMENT OF A TERMINAL
ILLNESS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 316

Amend Senate Bill No. 316 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 21 through 36, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-420(a), concerning definitions in the Arkansas Health Care Consumer Act, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(11) "Prescription pain medication" means any medication prescribed as treatment for pain; and"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 16, and substitute the following:

"(12) "Terminal illness" means an illness, a progressive disease,"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 20 through 24, and substitute the following:

"reasonably expected within six (6) months."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-99-420, concerning prior authorizations under the Arkansas Health Care Consumer Act, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(k) If covered pain medication that is prescribed to a covered person requires a prior authorization, then the prior authorization shall not be denied if the covered person has a terminal illness."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Irvin

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