

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

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 956**

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE OF 2015; AND TO  
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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**Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 956**

Amend Senate Bill No. 956 as engrossed, S3/19/15 (version: 03/19/2015 12:58:53 PM):

Page 4, delete lines 22 through 36 and substitute the following:

"(9)(A) "Submitting entity" means:

(i) An entity that provides health or dental insurance or a health or dental benefit plan in the state, including without limitation an insurance company, medical services plan, hospital plan, hospital medical service corporation, health maintenance organization, or fraternal benefits society, provided that the entity has covered individuals and the entity had at least two thousand (2,000) covered individuals in the previous calendar year;

(ii) A health benefit plan offered or administered by or on behalf of the state or an agency or instrumentality of the state;

(iii) A health benefit plan offered or administered by or on behalf of the federal government with the agreement of the federal government;

(iv) The Workers' Compensation Commission;

(v) Any other entity providing a plan of health insurance or health benefits subject to state insurance regulation, a third-party administrator, or a pharmacy benefits manager, provided that the entity has covered individuals and the entity had at least two thousand (2,000) covered individuals in the previous calendar year;

(vi) A health benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-406, as permitted by federal law, provided that the health benefit plan does not include an employee welfare benefit plan, as defined by federal law, as amended from time to time, that is also a trust established pursuant to collective bargaining subject to the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, 29 U.S.C. §§ 401 – 531; and

(vii) An entity that contracts with institutions of the Department of Correction or Department of Community Correction to provide medical, dental, or pharmaceutical care to inmates.

(B) "Submitting entity" does not include an entity that



provides health insurance or a health benefit plan that is accident-only, specified disease, hospital indemnity, long-term care, disability income, or other supplemental benefit coverage; and"

AND

Page 5, delete lines 1 through 18

AND

Page 6, line 31, delete "June" and substitute "July"

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

By: Senator D. Sanders

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Secretary