

ARKANSAS SENATE
91st General Assembly - Regular Session, 2017
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2014

TO REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR REGENERATIVE INJECTION THERAPY USED AS
A NONSURGICAL TREATMENT OF MUSCULOSKELETAL PAIN AND CONNECTIVE TISSUE INJURIES;
AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2014

Amend House Bill No. 2014 as engrossed, H3/9/17 (version: 03/09/2017 11:08:25 AM):

Add Senator D. Sanders as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE
BOARD TO EXPLORE EMERGING THERAPIES AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF TREATMENTS; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:
"TO REQUIRE THE STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL
LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD TO
EXPLORE EMERGING THERAPIES AND
COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF TREATMENT."

AND

Page 1, delete line 25, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board
has a fiduciary obligation to explore cost-effective treatments for its
members;

(2) There are emerging technologies that could serve as cost-
effective alternatives to surgical procedures; and

(3) Clinical organizations are increasingly providing public
guidance on quality treatment practices.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, is amended to add an"



AND

Page 1, delete line 27, and substitute the following:
"Subchapter 17 – Emerging Therapy Act"

AND

Page 1, line 31, delete "Regenerative"

AND

Page 1, delete line 32, and substitute the following:
"Emerging Therapy Act of 2017".

AND

Page 1, delete line 36, and substitute the following:
(1) "Board" means the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board;
(2) "Choosing Wisely Initiative" means the initiative established by the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation that seeks to advance a national dialogue on avoiding wasteful or unnecessary medical tests, treatments, and procedures;
(3) "Emerging therapies" means therapeutic services that have not historically been covered but for which new evidence may demonstrate therapeutic enhancements, opportunities for cost-avoidance, or both;
(4) "Evidence" means peer-reviewed objective studies of emerging therapies; and
(5) "Regenerative injection therapy" means a nonsurgical orthopedic treatment performed by injecting into a joint or soft tissue a substance that stimulates the growth of normal cells and tissues for the purpose of strengthening or repairing a painful or injured joint or connective tissue."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 36, and substitute the following:
"23-79-1703. State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board – Requirements.
(a) By the end of plan year 2017, the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board shall explore the evidence supporting opportunities for benefit modification informed by:
(1) The Choosing Wisely Initiative;
(2) Emerging therapies; and
(3) Therapeutic alternatives to invasive surgical procedures, such as regenerative injection therapy.
(b) By July of 2018, the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board shall:
(1) Identify and consider implementation of pilot programs that include stepped therapy or center of excellence approaches, or both, for which evidence demonstrates cost savings to the plan; and

(2) Identify opportunities to stimulate conversations between patients and providers about appropriate and necessary treatment, including treatment recommendations identified by the Choosing Wisely Initiative."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 36

AND

Page 4, delete lines 1 through 24

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

By: Senator D. Sanders

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Secretary