

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

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 522

TO CONTINUE TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE
TREATMENT OF MORBID OBESITY; AND TO MAKE THE PILOT PROGRAM ON COVERAGE FOR
MORBID OBESITY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT A PERMANENT PROGRAM.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 522

Amend Senate Bill No. 522 as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO CONTINUE TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR
THE TREATMENT OF MORBID OBESITY; TO EXTEND THE PILOT PROGRAM ON COVERAGE FOR
MORBID OBESITY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:
"TO CONTINUE TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT
PLANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE
TREATMENT OF MORBID OBESITY; AND TO
EXTEND THE PILOT PROGRAM ON COVERAGE FOR
MORBID OBESITY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 26 through 36, and substitute the following:
"SECTION 1. Uncodified identical Acts 2014 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Nos. 3 and
6, § 10, are amended to read as follows:
SECTION 10. Uncodified Acts 2011, No. 855, § 3 is amended to read as
follows:
SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Pilot Program on coverage for morbid
obesity diagnosis and treatment.
(a)(1)(A) A state and public school employees health benefit plan that
is offered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2012, shall offer
coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of morbid obesity.
(B) The cost of coverage for the diagnosis and treatment
of morbid obesity offered under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section shall
not exceed:
(i) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) annually for
the Arkansas State Employees Health Benefit Plan; or



(ii) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) annually for the Arkansas Public school Employees Health Benefit Plan.

(2) The coverage for morbid obesity offered under subdivision (a)(1) of this section includes without limitation coverage for bariatric surgery including:

- (A) Gastric bypass surgery;
- (B) Adjustable gastric banding surgery;
- (C) Sleeve gastrectomy surgery,; and
- (D) Duodenal switch biliopancreatic diversion.

(b) The coverage for morbid obesity diagnosis and treatment offered under this ~~subchapter~~ section does not diminish or limit benefits otherwise allowable under a state and public school employees health benefit plan.

(c) The State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board ~~shall~~ may discontinue or suspend a plan option offered under subsection (a) of this section if the board determines adjustments are necessary to ensure the financial soundness and overall well-being of the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

SECTION 2. Uncodified Acts 2011, No. 855, § 5, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 5. DO NOT CODIFY. This act shall become null and void and cease to have any effect ~~at~~ on and after midnight on ~~December 31, 2017~~ December 31, 2021."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 17

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