

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2610

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5 By: Representative Hardy
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROTECT CITIZENS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL
10 ILLNESS; TO LIMIT MEDICAID RESTRICTIONS ON MENTAL
11 HEALTH MEDICATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO PROTECT CITIZENS SUFFERING FROM
15 MENTAL ILLNESS; TO LIMIT MEDICAID
16 RESTRICTIONS ON MENTAL HEALTH
17 MEDICATIONS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1 is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 20-77-124. Limitations on Medicaid restrictions on medications used to
25 treat mental illness.

26 (a) Under the Arkansas Medicaid Program, any medication that is
27 necessary for the treatment of mental illness in a Medicaid recipient shall
28 be made available to the Medicaid recipient without any restrictions or
29 limitations, including prior authorization.

30 (b) As used in this section:

31 (1) "Medication that is necessary for the treatment of mental
32 illness" includes without limitation:

33 (A) Atypical antipsychotic medications; and

34 (B) Conventional antipsychotic medications; and

35 (2) "Mental illness" includes without limitation:

36 (A) Bipolar disorder;



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(B) Depression; and
(C) Schizophrenia.