

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H3/25/13 H3/26/13*

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 2121

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5 By: Representatives Hawthorne, E. Armstrong, Baltz, Ferguson, Kizzia, Scott

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFITS PLANS TO PROVIDE

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FOR CORRECTIVE SURGERY AND TREATMENT FOR CRANIOFACIAL

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ANOMALY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO

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PROVIDE FOR CORRECTIVE SURGERY AND

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TREATMENT FOR CRANIOFACIAL ANOMALY.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, is amended to add an
22 additional subchapter to read as follows:

23 Subchapter 15 – Coverage for Craniofacial Anomaly Corrective Surgery
24 23-79-1501. Definitions.

25 As used in this subchapter:

26 (1) "Corrective surgery" means the use of surgery to alter the
27 form and function of the cranial facial tissues due to a congenital or
28 acquired musculoskeletal disorder;

29 (2) "Craniofacial anomaly" means a congenital or acquired
30 musculoskeletal disorder that primarily affects the cranial facial tissue;
31 and

32 (3)(A) "Health benefit plan" means an individual, blanket, or
33 group plan, policy, or contract for health care services issued or delivered
34 by a health care insurer, health maintenance organization, hospital medical
35 service corporation, or self-insured governmental or church plan in this
36 state.



1 (B) "Health benefit plan" includes:

2 (i) Indemnity and managed care plans; and

3 (ii) Governmental plans as defined in 29 U.S.C. §
4 1002(32), as it existed on January 1, 2013, except governmental self-financed
5 insurance organizations.

6 (C) "Health benefit plan" does not include:

7 (i) Disability income plans;

8 (ii) Credit insurance plans;

9 (iii) Insurance coverage issued as a supplement to
10 liability insurance;

11 (vi) Medical payments under automobile or
12 homeowners' insurance plans;

13 (v) Health benefit plans provided under Arkansas
14 Constitution, Article 5, § 32, the Workers' Compensation Law, § 11-9-101 et
15 seq., and the Public Employee Workers' Compensation Act, § 21-5-601 et seq.;

16 (vi) Plans that provide only indemnity for hospital
17 confinement;

18 (vii) Accident only plans; or

19 (viii) Specified disease plans.

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21 23-79-1502. Craniofacial anomaly – Coverage for corrective surgery
22 required.

23 (a)(1) A health benefit plan that is offered, issued, or renewed in
24 this state shall offer coverage for corrective surgery and related medical
25 care for persons of any age who have been diagnosed as having a craniofacial
26 anomaly if the surgery and treatment are medically necessary as determined by
27 a nationally accredited cleft-craniofacial team.

28 (2) A nationally accredited multidisciplinary team for
29 craniofacial-cleft conditions shall:

30 (A) Evaluate persons with craniofacial anomalies; and

31 (B) Coordinate a treatment plan for each person.

32 (b) Medical care covered under this section includes corrective
33 surgery, dental care, vision care, and the use of one (1) or more hearing
34 aids.

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36 23-79-1503. Rules.

