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A Bill

SENATE BILL 135

5 By: Senator J. Cooper
6 By: Representative Sullivan
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROMOTE OVERALL EFFICIENCY AND DELIVERY OF
10 HEALTHCARE SERVICES OF THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM;
11 TO AMEND THE HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO PROMOTE OVERALL EFFICIENCY AND
16 DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES OF THE
17 ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-107, concerning the program for
24 indigent medical care and the rules and regulations of the program, is
25 amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

26 (g)(1) The department is prohibited from employing a reimbursement
27 model for providers, whether referred to as "episodes of care" or any other
28 description that:

29 (A) Limits reimbursements to a predetermined aggregate
30 amount based solely upon the diagnosis of the beneficiary determining the
31 aggregate;

32 (B) Pays a claim on any basis other than a predetermined
33 unit rate of reimbursement for medically necessary care that is actually
34 rendered to a beneficiary and properly documented; or

35 (C) Affects a recovery or recoupment by any means other
36 than that which is permitted in this section.



1 (2) The department shall not recover any portion of the
2 reimbursement provided for service rendered in the indigent medical care
3 program without a particularized finding that is subject to an administrative
4 appeal, with respect to each claim submitted that:

5 (A) The services were provided by a provider who is not
6 eligible to participate in the indigent medical care program;

7 (B) The services were not actually rendered in the manner
8 stated in the claim;

9 (C) The service delivery was not documented as required by
10 the department;

11 (D) The services are subject to recoupment under § 20-77-
12 1707, with respect to services requiring prior authorization; or

13 (E) The services are subject to recoupment for lack of
14 medical necessity as set forth in § 20-77-1708.

15 (3) The department shall submit, apply for, and seek approval
16 for appropriate state plan amendments or federal waivers, or both, to
17 implement this subsection.

18 (h) The department shall not implement a healthcare payment reform or
19 healthcare payment initiative until the department determines that a pilot
20 program has successfully tested the hypothesis and outcomes of the proposed
21 healthcare payment reform or health care payment initiative.

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23 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-77-2406(d), concerning standards of
24 health coverage through the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace offered to
25 individuals enrolled in the Health Care Independence Program, is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (d) Health insurance carriers offering healthcare coverage for
28 program-eligible individuals shall participate in ~~the Health Care Payment~~
29 ~~Improvement Initiative including~~ applicable healthcare reforms or healthcare
30 initiatives

31 ~~(1) Assignment of primary care clinician;~~

32 ~~(2) Support for patient-centered medical home; and~~

33 ~~(3) Access of clinical performance data for providers.~~

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