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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1264

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE ARKANSAS  
9 MEDICAID PROGRAM AND INSURANCE POLICIES FOR  
10 HEALTHCARE SERVICES PERFORMED BY A WALK-IN CLINIC OR  
11 EMERGENT CARE CLINIC WHEN THE PATIENT DOES NOT HAVE A  
12 PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER ASSIGNED; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
17 HEALTHCARE SERVICES PERFORMED BY A WALK-  
18 IN CLINIC OR EMERGENT CARE CLINIC WHEN  
19 THE PATIENT DOES NOT HAVE A PRIMARY CARE  
20 PROVIDER ASSIGNED.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is  
27 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 20-77-132. Walk-in clinic and emergent care clinic – Medicaid  
29 reimbursement.

30 (a) As used in this section:

31 (1) "Emergent care clinic" means a walk-in clinic focused on the  
32 delivery of ambulatory care in a facility outside of traditional emergency  
33 care; and

34 (2) "Walk-in clinic" means a medical clinic that accepts  
35 patients on a walk-in basis and without an appointment.

36 (b) When a Medicaid beneficiary who does not have an assigned primary



1 care provider utilizes or attempts to utilize a walk-in clinic or emergent  
2 care clinic, the walk-in clinic or emergency care clinic shall not decline to  
3 treat the patient due to his or her lack of a primary care provider.

4 (c) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for any healthcare  
5 services performed by a walk-in clinic or emergent care clinic when the  
6 Medicaid beneficiary does not have a primary care provider assigned.

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8 SECTION 2. Effective January 1, 2018, Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter  
9 79, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

10 23-79-161. Reimbursement for healthcare services provided by emergent  
11 care clinic and walk-in clinic – Primary care provider assignment not  
12 required – Exceptions – Definitions.

13 (a) As used in this section:

14 (1) "Emergent care clinic" means a walk-in clinic focused on the  
15 delivery of ambulatory care in a facility outside of traditional emergency  
16 care; and

17 (2) "Walk-in clinic" means a medical clinic that accepts  
18 patients on a walk-in basis and without an appointment.

19 (b) Every insurance policy, other than an insurance policy excluded  
20 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, that is sold, delivered, issued  
21 for delivery, renewed, or offered for sale in this state by an insurer shall  
22 contain a provision providing for reimbursement for healthcare services  
23 performed by a walk-in clinic and emergent care clinic when the person  
24 covered by the policy does not have a primary care provider assigned.

25 (c) This section does not apply to an accident and healthcare policy,  
26 whether the insurance policy is in the form of a health maintenance  
27 organization evidence of coverage or healthcare plan as defined in § 23-76-  
28 102(4) and (5), or an accident and health insurance policy governed by §§ 23-  
29 85-101 – 23-85-134, 23-85-136, and 23-85-137, or a group and blanket accident  
30 and health insurance policy governed by §§ 23-86-101 – 23-86-104, 23-86-106 –  
31 23-86-118, or a Medicare supplement insurance policy, or any other form.