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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1459

5 By: Representatives Penzo, Pilkington  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT ALL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ARE  
10 REIMBURSED FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES BY THE  
11 ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 ARE REIMBURSED FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
17 SERVICES BY THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID  
18 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 Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is  
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 20-77-140. Reimbursement for behavioral health services.

26 (a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for behavioral  
27 health services that are provided by:

28 (1) A clinical psychologist;

29 (2) A licensed certified social worker;

30 (3) A licensed professional counselor; or

31 (4) A licensed mental health counselor.

32 (b) The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal  
33 waiver, Medicaid state plan amendments, or other authority necessary to  
34 implement this section.  
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