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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 521

5 By: Senators B. Davis, T. Garner  
6 By: Representatives Pilkington, McCollum  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM  
10 COVER A CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR FOR AN INDIVIDUAL  
11 WITH DIABETES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 PROGRAM COVER A CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE  
17 MONITOR FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DIABETES.  
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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 7, Subchapter 1, is amended  
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 20-7-141. Continuous glucose monitor – Definitions.

25 (a) As used in this section:

26 (1) "Continuous glucose monitor" means an instrument or device,  
27 including repair and replacement parts, that:

28 (A) Is designed and offered for the purpose of aiding an  
29 individual with diabetes;

30 (B) Measures glucose levels at set intervals by means of a  
31 small electrode placed under the skin and held in place by an adhesive; and

32 (C) Is generally not useful to an individual who has not  
33 been diagnosed with diabetes; and

34 (2) "Healthcare provider" means an individual who is a licensed  
35 medical doctor, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner.

36 (b) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall provide coverage for a



1 continuous glucose monitor for the treatment of an individual if the  
2 individual has:

3 (1) A presence of type 1 diabetes or any other type of diabetes  
4 with:

5 (A) The use of insulin; or

6 (B) Evidence of Level 2 or Level 3 hypoglycemia; and

7 (2) Regular follow-up with a healthcare provider at a minimum  
8 every six (6) months to assess for ongoing benefit.

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10 SECTION 2. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

11 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall promulgate  
12 rules necessary to implement Section 1 of this act.

13 (b)(1) When adopting the initial rules to implement Section 1 of this  
14 act, the final rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption  
15 under § 25-15-204(f):

16 (A) On or before January 1, 2022; or

17 (B) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by  
18 January 1, 2022, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

19 (2) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall file  
20 the proposed rule with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c)  
21 sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2022, so that the Legislative Council  
22 may consider the rule for approval before January 1, 2022.