

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H2/2/17 H2/9/17
2 91st General Assembly **A Bill**
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HOUSE BILL 1264

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5 By: Representative Pilkington
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE ARKANSAS
9 *MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES PERFORMED BY*
10 A WALK-IN CLINIC OR EMERGENT CARE CLINIC WHEN THE
11 PATIENT DOES NOT HAVE A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER
12 ASSIGNED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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15 **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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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
26 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 20-77-132. Walk-in clinic and emergent care clinic - Medicaid
28 reimbursement.

29 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

35 (b) When a Medicaid beneficiary who does not have an assigned primary
36 care provider utilizes or attempts to utilize a walk-in clinic or emergent



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

3 (c) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for up to four (4)
4 healthcare visits per year at a walk-in clinic or emergent care clinic when
5 the Medicaid beneficiary does not have a primary care provider assigned if
6 the walk-in clinic or emergent care clinic is associated with a hospital.

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