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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative Pilkington

Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO
REIMBURSE FOR NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION TO
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID
PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE FOR NONEMERGENCY
TRANSPORTATION TO HEALTHCARE FACILITIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-137 is amended to read as follows:
20-77-137. Nonemergency transportation – Ridesharing application –
Medicaid reimbursement – ~~Definition~~ Definitions.

(a) As used in this section,:

(1) "Healthcare facility" means a hospital, healthcare system,
clinic, clinic group, office of a healthcare professional, or long-term care
facility; and

(2) "Ridesharing ~~ridesharing~~ application" means an online
application that connects a passenger with a driver who is licensed under the
Transportation Network Company Services Act, § 23-13-701 et seq., for a fee.

(b)(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for nonemergency
transportation from a Medicaid beneficiary's home to a healthcare facility.

1 (2) Reimbursement under subdivision (b)(1) of this section is
2 limited to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per calendar year for each
3 Medicaid beneficiary.

4 (3) The Arkansas Medicaid Program may reimburse for the fee
5 incurred through ridesharing applications ~~to healthcare facilities or offices~~
6 ~~of healthcare professionals for a Medicaid beneficiary~~ under subdivision
7 (b)(1) of this section.

8 (c) Reimbursement shall not be available if the Medicaid beneficiary
9 uses the ridesharing application to travel across state lines.

10 (d) The reimbursement rate under this section shall be at the federal
11 mileage reimbursement rate.

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