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For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS TO
A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A
PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
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PHYSICIAN.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:
20-77-131. Direct access to chiropractic physicians.
(a) On or before January 1, 2016, the Department of Human Services
shall adopt rules to allow a Medicaid recipient direct access to a
chiropractic physician.
(b) Rules adopted under this section shall:
(1) Allow a Medicaid recipient to receive diagnosis and
treatment from a chiropractic physician without a referral from a primary
care physician;
(2) Direct the Division of Medical Services of the Department of
Human Services to develop a process for reporting diagnosis, treatment, costs
of services, and cost-savings benefits under this section; and
(3) Specify that a chiropractic physician who provides diagnosis or treatment, or both, under this section shall receive the same reimbursement as if the Medicaid recipient had been referred to the chiropractic physician by a primary care physician.

Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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