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# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

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6 By: Representative Pilkington

7 Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## 9 For An Act To Be Entitled

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

## 13 Subtitle

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15 TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID  
16 PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE FOR NONEMERGENCY  
17 TRANSPORTATION TO HEALTHCARE FACILITIES.  
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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 § 20-77-137 is amended to read as follows:  
24 20-77-137. Nonemergency transportation – Ridesharing application –  
25 Medicaid reimbursement – ~~Definition~~ Definitions.

26 (a) As used in this section,:

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

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

33 (b)(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for nonemergency  
34 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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