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2 94th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1385

5 By: Representatives Vaught, Scott
6 By: Senators B. Davis, C. Tucker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ARE
10 PROPERLY REIMBURSED BY THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM
11 FOR PROVIDING LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTION
12 IMMEDIATELY AND DURING POSTPARTUM; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
27 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 20-77-148. Long-acting reversible contraception coverage – Legislative
29 findings.

30 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

31 (1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program currently covers long-acting
32 reversible contraception;

33 (2) Due to the payment model used by the program for coverage of
34 pregnant women, healthcare providers have found that providing long-acting
35 reversible contraception during postpartum is cost prohibitive; and

36 (3) Action should be taken to ensure that healthcare providers



1 can provide long-acting reversible contraception during postpartum.

2 (b)(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse a healthcare
3 provider for providing long-acting reversible contraception immediately and
4 during postpartum.

5 (2) Reimbursement under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall
6 be in addition to the regular payments for services to pregnant women
7 provided by a healthcare provider.

8 (c) The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal
9 waiver, Medicaid state plan amendment, or other authorization necessary to
10 implement this section.

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