

ARKANSAS SENATE
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1562

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH PARITY FOR CHILDREN COVERED BY THE
ARKIDS FIRST PROGRAM."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1562.

Amend House Bill No. 1562 as originally introduced:

Add Senators B. Walker, Gullett, and Wilkins as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Page 2, delete line 8 and substitute the following:
"shall include parity for outpatient mental health care."

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Page 2, delete line 19 and substitute the following:
"(C)(1) The parity provision shall only be implemented if at the same time the Department of Human Services implements a prior authorization "gate keeper" process for outpatient mental health services for all categories of Medicaid covered children.
(2) The gate keeping entity shall be an independent contractor selected by the Department of Human Services.
~~(B)~~ (D) Providers of covered services shall be those providers enrolled as Medicaid providers, and reimbursement shall be at the rates established by the program; and"

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Senator B. Walker
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Secretary