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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2451

"TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO
CHILDREN."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2451.

Amend House Bill No. 2451 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. (a) The purpose of the act is to remove barriers to providing mental health services to children and to ensure each Medicaid-eligible child has a primary care physician.

(b)(1) Upon completion of a diagnosis and treatment plan, the mental health provider shall inform the primary care physician and determine the level of involvement desired by the primary care physician.

(2) The mental health provider shall communicate the ninety-day review, update, and discharge plans to the primary care physician.

(3) The mental health provider shall notify the primary care physician of the following:

(A) Treatment failure or material interruption;

(B) Leave against medical advice; and

(C) Adverse outcomes if the child moves from ambulatory into residential or acute inpatient care.

(c)(1) If a mental health provider receives a referral of a Medicaid-eligible child that is not from a primary care physician, the mental health provider shall conduct an early periodic screening and diagnosis test as standardized and approved by the Division of Behavioral Health and the Division of Medical Services of the Department of Human Services.

(2) The mental health provider shall inform the primary care physician of the screening results, including the diagnosis and treatment plan, and determine the level of involvement desired by the primary care physician.

(3) If the Medicaid-eligible child has no primary care physician, the mental health provider shall assist the family or legal guardian in obtaining a primary care physician.

(d) The Arkansas Medicaid program shall not deny a Medicaid claim for



The Amendment was read _____

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mental health services for an eligible child due solely to the lack of a primary care physician referral.”