

ARKANSAS SENATE
85th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2005
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 933

"AN ACT REGARDING MEDICAL CARE COSTS FOR OFFENDERS."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 933.

Amend Senate Bill No. 933 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 19 and 20 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-29-401, pertaining to medical care for inmates, is amended to add a new subsection to read as follows:

(e)(1) As used in this subsection:

(A) "Arkansas Medicaid Program" means the program authorized under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, which provides for payments for medical goods or services on behalf of indigent families with dependent children and of aged, blind, or disabled individuals whose income and resources are insufficient to meet the cost of necessary medical services;

(B) "Health care services" includes, but is not limited to, medical and mental health care services, inpatient and outpatient hospital services, specialty procedures, professional services, durable and nondurable medical goods, and prescription drugs and medications; and

(C) "Inmate" means a person in the custody of the Department of Correction or the Department of Community Correction.

(2)(A) Beginning July 1, 2005, a person providing health care services to an inmate shall be paid for his or her services at a rate not to exceed the rate for which that service is reimbursed under the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

(B) However, if a contract between the person providing health care services and the Department of Correction, Department of Community Correction, or the Board of Corrections specifies payment rates for health care services provided after July 1, 2005, the contract rates shall apply.

(3) A person providing health care services shall not refuse to hospitalize, examine, or treat another person based on the reimbursement limitations of this section or the fact that the person requesting treatment or hospitalization is an inmate.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the cost of providing medical care to state inmates is significant; that this act will limit inmate medical



costs to the reimbursement rates of the Medicaid program; that in order to effectively administer this act and funds budgeted for inmate medical care, that this act should become effective on July 1, 2005. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2005.”

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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