

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 218

"AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2007-2009 BIENNIUM."

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 218.

Amend Senate Bill No. 218 as engrossed, S3/5/07 (version: 03-05-2007 14:27):

Insert an additional section immediately following SECTION 31 to read as follows:

" SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND. Of the total amount appropriated each fiscal year in Section 9 of this Act for Acute Mental Health Services - Per Capita, two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) each fiscal year shall first be placed in an Acute Care Emergency Reserve Fund, administered by the Division of Behavioral Health Services, distributed only to community mental health centers for the payment to community-based hospitals for bed days in instances when the community mental health centers have exhausted their regular appropriation of acute care funds during the fiscal year. The remaining five million five hundred ninety-seven thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$5,597,750) appropriated for fiscal year 2008 and the remaining five million six hundred ninety-seven thousand one hundred sixty-two dollars (\$5,697,162) appropriated for fiscal year 2009 shall be allocated and made available to the community mental health centers within community-based settings on a per-capita basis. The Division of Behavioral Health Services shall report its plan for the administration of the Acute Care Emergency Reserve Fund to the Arkansas Legislative Council prior to the beginning of the state fiscal year in which the funds are distributed.

The Division of Behavioral Health Services shall work with community mental health centers to secure additional funds to be dedicated to the Acute Care Emergency Reserve Fund. The Division of Behavioral Health Services shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council the amount and source of any such additional funds secured."

AND

Appropriately renumber the SECTION numbers of the bill.



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Senator Womack

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