

ARKANSAS SENATE
87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 944

"TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN DRUGS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ARKANSANS
WITHOUT RESTRICTION WHEN THE DRUGS HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND
RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES."

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 944.

Amend Senate Bill No. 944 as engrossed, S3/19/09 (version: 03-19-2009 08:21):

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 13 and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ASTHMA MEDICATION USE AND REIMBURSEMENT
WITHIN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 16 through 20 and substitute the following:
"TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ASTHMA MEDICATION USE AND REIMBURSEMENT WITHIN
THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:
"SECTION 1. Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this
act, the Department of Human Services shall invite a representative of each
of the following entities to meet to study the issues in Section 2 of this
act:

- (1) The Department of Human Services;
- (2) GlaxoSmithKline;
- (3) The Arkansas Medical Society;
- (4) The Arkansas Pharmacy Association;
- (5) The Arkansas Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Association
- (6) The Arkansas Asthma Coalition;
- (7) The Arkansas Pediatric Association;
- (8) Arkansas Children's Hospital;
- (9) The Arkansas Chapter of the American Pediatric Association;

and

- (10) The Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians.

SECTION 2. The group created in Section 1 of this act shall study:



(1) The negative and positive effects of the step edit on asthma patients and their providers in the Arkansas Medicaid Program;

(2) Ways and means to increase Medicaid patient compliance with asthma medication usage in the Arkansas Medicaid Program;

(3) Effects of removing the restrictions on asthma medication in the Arkansas Medicaid Program; and

(4) Other issues related to asthma medication in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

SECTION 3. On or before October 1, 2009, the Department of Human Services shall report on behalf of the group created in Section 1 of this act the findings of the group to the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor."

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

By: Senator Elliott

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Secretary