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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 944

"TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ASTHMA MEDICATION USE AND
REIMBURSEMENT WITHIN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM."

Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill No. 944.

Amend Senate Bill No. 944 as engrossed, S3/31/09 (version: 03-31-2009 09:08):

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) Two (2) members of the Pharmaceutical Research
Manufacturer's Association (PhRMA);
- (3) The Arkansas Medical Society;
- (4) The Arkansas Pharmacists Association;
- (5) The Arkansas Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical
Association;
- (6) The Arkansas Asthma Coalition;
- (7) Arkansas Children's Hospital;
- (8) The Arkansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics;
- (9) The Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians; and
- (10) The College of Pharmacy of the University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences.

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



(1) The negative and positive effects of the clinical 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 May 1, 2010, 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