

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 839**

TO PROTECT PATIENTS BY ENSURING THAT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURES  
DO NOT INTRUDE ON THE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP OR PUT COST  
SAVINGS AHEAD OF OPTIMAL PATIENT CARE.

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**Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill No. 839**

Amend Senate Bill No. 839 as engrossed, S3/22/11 (version: 03/22/2011 02:55:34 PM)

Page 1, line 27, delete "20-99-418" and substitute "23-99-418"

AND

Page 1, line 28, delete "(b)" and substitute "(a)"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 and 2 and substitute "maintenance organization, and a hospital and medical service corporation."

AND

Page 3, delete line 11 and substitute:

"have been tried; and

(10) "Self-insured health plan for employees of governmental entity" means a trust established under §§ 14-54-101 and 25-20-104 to provide benefits such as accident and health benefits, death benefits, dental benefits, and disability income benefits."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 20 and 21 and substitute:

"(d) This act applies to a healthcare insurer whether or not the healthcare insurer is acting directly or indirectly or through a private review agent; and to a self-insured health plan for employees of governmental entities; however a self-insured plan for employees of governmental entities is not subject to subdivision (g)(4)(C) of this section or oversight by the Arkansas Medical Board, State Board of Health, or the State Insurance Department."



AND

Page 3, line 26, delete "(f)(1)" and substitute "(g)(1)"

AND

Page 3, line 28, delete "patient and the"

AND

Page 4, line 15, delete "(f)(4)(A)" and substitute "(g)(4)(A)"

AND

Page 4, line 20, delete "(f)(4)(A)" and substitute "(g)(4)(A)"

AND

Page 4, delete line 35 and substitute "healthcare insurer or self-insured health plan for employees of governmental entities fails to comply with this section."

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

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Secretary