ARKANSAS SENATE

88th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2011 Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 929

TO REGULATE THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 929

Amend Senate Bill No. 929 as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following: "AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; TO REQUIRE THAT CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM BE REPORTED TO THE INTERIM SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM BE REPORTED TO THE INTERIM SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR."

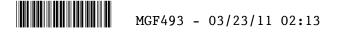
AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following: "SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-125. Reports of changes to the Arkansas Medicaid .

(a) In light of the rapidly rising potential costs to the state attributable to the Medicaid program and the importance of Medicaid expenditures to the health and welfare of the citizens of this state, the General Assembly finds it desirable to exercise more thorough review of future proposed changes to rules that might impact those costs or expenditures.

(b) As used in this section, "rule impacting state Medicaid costs" means a proposed rule, as defined by § 25-15-202(8), or a proposed amendment to an existing rule, as defined by § 25-15-202(8), that would if adopted adjust Medicaid reimbursement rates, Medicaid eligibility criteria, or



Medicaid benefits, including without limitation a proposed rule or a proposed amendment to an existing rule seeking to accomplish the following: (1) Reduce the number of individuals covered by Arkansas

<u>(1) Reduce the number of individuals covered by Arkansas</u>
Medicaid;
(2) Limit the types of services covered by Arkansas Medicaid;
(3) Reduce the utilization of services covered by Arkansas
Medicaid;
(4) Reduce provider reimbursement;
(5) Increase consumer cost-sharing;
(6) Reduce the cost of administering Arkansas Medicaid;
(7) Increase Arkansas Medicaid revenues; or
(8) Reduce fraud and abuse in the Arkansas Medicaid program.
(c) At least thirty (30) days before the expiration of the period for
public comment for rules changes under the Arkansas Administrative Procedure
Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., and § 10-3-309, the Department of Human Services
shall file a proposed rule impacting state Medicaid costs or a proposed
amendment to an existing rule impacting state Medicaid costs with the Interim
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Interim House
Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor, or, when the General Assembly
is in session, with the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
and the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor."