

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

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 480**

TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTHCARE CONTRACTING SIMPLIFICATION ACT; AND TO PROHIBIT  
ANTICOMPETITIVE PRACTICES BY A HEALTHCARE INSURER.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 480**

Amend Senate Bill No. 480 as originally introduced:

Page 4, line 28, delete "A contracting" and substitute "Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a contracting"

AND

Page 5, delete line 10, and substitute the following:

"to participate in another health benefit plan, product, or line of business.

(d)(1) This section does not require a separate contract for each health benefit plan or product offered by a contracting entity or healthcare insurer affiliated with the contracting entity.

(2) Multiple health benefit plans or products may be included in the same contract so long as the healthcare provider may opt out of participation in one (1) or more of the plans or products without opting out of the entire contract."

AND

Page 5, line 11, delete "(d)(1)" and substitute "(e)(1)"

AND

Page 5, delete line 16, and substitute the following:

"this section, the healthcare contract is void.

(f) A contracting entity may require a healthcare provider to participate in the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program as a condition of contracting or continuing to contract with the healthcare provider for healthcare services under another health benefit plan, if:

(1) The other health benefit plan is an individual health plan not sold on the health insurance marketplace, as defined in § 23-64-602; and

(2) The rates offered to the healthcare provider for healthcare services to State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program



enrollees are no lower than the rates paid to the healthcare provider under the other health benefit plan."

AND

Page 8, delete line 9, and substitute the following:

"before January 1, 2020.

23-99-1210. Effective date.

(a) This subchapter applies to the activities of risk-based provider organizations on and after January 1, 2021.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, this subchapter is effective on and after September 1, 2019."

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

By: Senator Irvin

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Secretary