

ARKANSAS SENATE
92nd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2019
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 634

TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO COVER OPIOID ANTAGONISTS AS A
PHARMACY BENEFIT.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 634

Amend Senate Bill No. 634 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 25 through 27, and substitute the following:

"(a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program:

(1) Shall cover any drug approved on or before the effective date of this section by the United States Food and Drug Administration as an opioid antagonist for the prevention of relapse to opioid dependence and other substance use disorders; and

(2) May:

(A) Cover any drug approved after the effective date of this section by the United States Food and Drug Administration as an opioid antagonist for the prevention of relapse to opioid dependence and other substance use disorders; and

(B) Replace a covered opioid antagonist for the prevention of relapse to opioid dependence and other substance use disorders that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration with another opioid antagonist if the other opioid antagonist is:

(i) Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the prevention of relapse to opioid dependence and other substance use disorders;

(ii) Proven to be more effective treatment for the prevention of relapse to opioid dependence and other substance use disorders than the existing covered opioid antagonist; and

(iii) Proven to be more cost-effective than the existing covered opioid antagonist."



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

By: Senator Bledsoe

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Secretary