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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 119

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6 By: Senator Irvin  
7 By: Representative L. Johnson

8 Filed with: Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce  
9 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO CLARIFY PAYMENT FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES  
11 PERFORMED BY CERTAIN OUTPATIENT SURGERY CENTERS; AND  
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 TO CLARIFY PAYMENT FOR HEALTHCARE  
16 SERVICES PERFORMED BY CERTAIN OUTPATIENT  
17 SURGERY CENTERS.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-79-115(a), concerning the rates of  
25 insurance policy reimbursement for services, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a)(1)(A) ~~Notwithstanding any provisions of any individual or group~~  
27 ~~accident and health insurance policy, or any provision of a policy, contract,~~  
28 ~~plan, or agreement covering hospital or medical services, in~~ In cases in  
29 which the insurer, under a policy, contract, plan, or agreement, provides for  
30 payment or reimbursement for any healthcare service provided by ~~hospitals or~~  
31 ~~related facilities~~ a hospital or related facility as defined in § 20-9-201 or  
32 § 20-10-213, the person entitled to payment or reimbursement for the  
33 healthcare services ~~service~~ under the policy, contract, plan, or agreement,  
34 including without limitation a healthcare provider, is entitled to payment or  
35 reimbursement on an equal basis for the healthcare service when the

1 healthcare service is provided by facilities a facility licensed as an  
2 outpatient surgery ~~centers~~ center under §§ 20-9-214 and 20-9-215.

3 (B) Subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section applies  
4 notwithstanding any provision of:

5 (i) An individual or group accident and health  
6 insurance policy;

7 (ii) A policy, contract, plan, or agreement covering  
8 hospital or medical services;

9 (iii) A network participation agreement; or

10 (iv) An agreement between an insurer and a  
11 healthcare provider.

12 (2) This subsection applies to an insurance ~~policies~~ policy and  
13 hospital service corporation ~~contracts~~ contract that are is delivered or  
14 issued for delivery in this state more than one hundred twenty (120) days  
15 after July 6, 1977, and to such any other ~~contracts, plans, or agreements~~  
16 contract, plan, or agreement that are is entered into or effectuated in this  
17 state more than one hundred twenty (120) days after July 6, 1977, including  
18 without limitation a network participation agreement or an agreement between  
19 an insurer and a healthcare provider.

20 (3)(A) An insurer may consider and apply the Patient Protection  
21 Act of 1995, § 23-99-201 et seq., and § 23-99-801 et seq. when setting a rate  
22 for payment or reimbursement for a healthcare service that is provided by an  
23 outpatient surgery center licensed under §§ 20-9-214 and 20-9-215.

24 (B) An insurer shall not set a rate for payment or  
25 reimbursement for a healthcare service that is less than ninety percent (90%)  
26 of the average rate of payment or reimbursement for a healthcare service by  
27 an insurer under the relevant Current Procedural Terminology code for a  
28 procedure billed as a hospital outpatient service for a county where the  
29 outpatient surgery center licensed under §§ 20-9-214 and 20-9-215 is located.

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32 Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate

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