Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 1092 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H2/15/17 A Bill		
2	91st General Assembly	A DIII		
3	Regular Session, 2017		HOUSE BILL 1183	
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5	By: Representative Dotson			
6	By: Senator Caldwell			
7 8		For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY AND EFFICIENCY OF			
10	CHIROPRACTIC COVERAGE IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID			
11	PROGRAM; TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS			
12	TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A			
13	PRIMARY CARE	PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE	s.	
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22	FROM A	PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN.		
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GEN	ERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARK	ANSAS:	
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27	SECTION 1. DO NOT	CODIFY. <u>Legislative intent.</u>		
28	It is the intent o	f the General Assembly to provide	consistency and	
29	efficiency of chiropract	ic coverage in the Arkansas Medic	aid Program.	
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31	SECTION 2. Arkans	as Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Sub	chapter l, is	
32	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:			
33	20-77-132. Direct access to chiropractic physicians.			
34	(a) On or before January 1, 2018, the Department of Human Services			
35	shall adopt rules to allow a Medicaid recipient direct access to a			
36	<u>chiropractic physician.</u>	<u>chiropractic physician.</u>		



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1	(b) Rules adopted under this section shall:		
2	(1) Allow a Medicaid recipient to receive diagnosis and		
3	treatment from a chiropractic physician without a referral from a primary		
4	care physician;		
5	(2) Direct the Division of Medical Services of the Department of		
6	Human Services to develop a process for reporting diagnosis, treatment, costs		
7	of services, and cost-savings benefits under this section; and		
8	(3) Specify that a chiropractic physician who provides diagnosis		
9	or treatment, or both, under this section shall receive the same		
10	reimbursement as if the Medicaid recipient had been referred to the		
11	chiropractic physician by a primary care physician.		
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