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By: Representative L. Johnson

Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN EMERGENCY
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS TO A PATIENT WHO HAS A
SPECIFIC HEALTH CONDITION; TO REQUIRE PARTICIPATION
IN CARE COORDINATION BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES;
TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE TRANSPORT OF A PATIENT WHO HAS
A SPECIFIC HEALTH CONDITION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN EMERGENCY
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS TO A PATIENT WHO
HAS A SPECIFIC HEALTH CONDITION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-13-202, concerning the definitions under
the Emergency Medical Services Act, is amended to add additional subdivisions
to read as follows:

(11)(A) "Care coordination" means the coordination of healthcare
services by healthcare professional teams to assist a patient in the
management of his or her health care and to improve the efficiency and
effectiveness of the healthcare sector.

(B) "Care coordination" includes without limitation:

(i) Developing potential treatment plans;

1 (ii) Determining the optimal treatment for a patient
2 before considering hospitalization; and

3 (iii) Establishing alternative approaches and
4 treatment for a patient; and

5 (12)(A) "Specific health condition" means a health condition
6 that requires specialized healthcare treatment.

7 (B) "Specific health condition" includes without
8 limitation:

9 (i) A health condition that is listed as rare by the
10 National Institutes of Health; and

11 (ii) A health condition that could be fatal for
12 which a patient seeks specialized health care.

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14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 13, Subchapter 2, is
15 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

16 20-13-216. Specific health condition.

17 (a) Emergency medical services personnel may administer prescription
18 medications that are:

19 (1) Carried by a patient;

20 (2) Administered via routes of delivery that are:

21 (A) Within the scope of training for emergency medical
22 services personnel; and

23 (B) Approved by the Emergency Medical Services Advisory
24 Council and the State Board of Health;

25 (3) Intended to treat a specific health condition; and

26 (4) Not listed on the drug formulary set out by the Department
27 of Health.

28 (b) A patient who is diagnosed with a specific health condition may
29 request to be transported to an alternative destination facility that is
30 farther away than the nearest facility if:

31 (1) The alternative destination facility better meets the needs
32 of the patient because:

33 (A) The patient's physician and medical records are at the
34 alternative destination facility;

35 (B) The patient has recently been discharged from the
36 alternative destination facility;

1 (C) The patient has had previous hospitalizations at the
2 alternative destination facility; and

3 (D) The patient's complex medical history is followed at
4 the alternative destination facility; and

5 (2) The request is approved by the regional emergency medical
6 services entity, including an emergency medical services board established
7 under § 14-266-105(a)(3).

8 (c) The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council shall establish
9 standards for:

10 (1) Emergency medical services personnel to communicate with
11 patients and caregivers of patients who are diagnosed with a specific health
12 condition about:

13 (A) The patient's specific health condition;

14 (B) The likelihood that the patient will need emergency
15 medical services; and

16 (C) The collaborative development of emergency medical
17 service care plans to meet the patient's needs; and

18 (2) Regional emergency medical services entities, including
19 emergency medical services boards established under § 14-266-105(a)(3), to
20 participate in care coordination for patients who are diagnosed with a
21 specific health condition.

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