

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2019-006

State of Arkansas
92nd General Assembly
Regular Session, 2019

A Bill

JMB/JMB
HOUSE BILL

By: Representative Dotson

Filed with: Arkansas Legislative Council
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO LIMIT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN BY
A MEDICAID RECIPIENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO LIMIT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC
PHYSICIAN BY A MEDICAID RECIPIENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-134(b), concerning direct access to
chiropractic physicians by Medicaid beneficiaries, is amended to read as
follows:

(b) Rules adopted under this section shall:

(1) Allow a Medicaid recipient to receive diagnosis and
treatment from a chiropractic physician without a referral from a primary
care physician;

(2) Direct the Division of Medical Services of the Department of
Human Services to develop a process for reporting diagnosis, treatment, costs
of services, and cost-savings benefits under this section; ~~and~~

(3) Specify that a chiropractic physician who provides diagnosis
or treatment, or both, under this section shall receive the same
reimbursement as if the Medicaid recipient had been referred to the
chiropractic physician by a primary care physician; and

1 (4) Limit access to a chiropractic physician to thirty (30)
2 visits per year unless a Medicaid recipient has received prior authorization
3 based on medical necessity for additional visits to a chiropractic physician.
4
5

6 Referred by Representative Dotson

7 Prepared by: JMB/JMB
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36