

Explanation of Act 878

Section 1 found beginning on page 1 and continuing to page 4 line 12. Ask staff to explain “Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79”

- Assigns a definition of medical condition that is defined in the law.
 - The definition is expanded on page 1 beginning on line 33 and continuing to page 2 line 7
- Identifies the challenge that the legislation is attended to address which it that not all insurance companies pay for treatment. Found beginning on page 2 line 8 and ending on page 2 line 17.
- Establishes that an “Interdisciplinary panel” shall be established. This is found on page 2 line 19 through page 3 line 8.
 - Defines a working relationship with UAMS, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, and the National Institution for Mental Health for the purpose of establishing a clinic dedicated to diagnosing and treating the PANS disorder. Found on page 2 lines 21 – 27.
 - Charges that UAMS shall establish an interdisciplinary panel that shall include, but is not limited to, 3 members as defined on page 2 beginning with line 32 going through page 3 line 8.
 - The interdisciplinary panel is charged with creating a protocol for the treatment of diagnostic framework for the coverage of PANS and PANDAS for the purpose of assigning an International Classification of Diseases Code. Found on page 3 lines 9 - 14
 - Once the interdisciplinary panel has determined the appropriate diagnostic criteria for the protocol the recommendations are to be submitted to the legislative and administrative branch for the purpose of any required legislation, if necessary, to implement. Found on page 3 lines 20 -31.
 - Establishes the expectations of the interdisciplinary panel on page 3 line 32 through page 4 line 12.
 - Every available tool shall be used.
 - Once the interdisciplinary panel determines the diagnostic criteria insurance companies shall begin providing coverage for the treatment.
 - The goal of the interdisciplinary team will report its findings to the legislative branch in December 2019.

Section 2 begins on page 4 line 14. Ask staff to explain what Temporary Language and DO NOT CODIFY” means

- Establishes the Arkansas PANS/PANDAS Advisory Council found on page 4 line 14 through page 5 line 18.
 - A list of members appointed is provided.
- A list of specific criteria assigned to the Advisory Council is found on page 5 lines 13 through 28.
 - Terms expire in December 2020.
 - The chairs and vice-chairs are recommended by the members of the interdisciplinary panel.
 - A Recommendation is ready to be made today.
- The job description of the Advisory Council is found on page 5 line 29 through page 6 line 18
 - To determine methods to increase awareness of PANS throughout the state.
 - Work with interdisciplinary panel to determine and acquire critical information that will be beneficial in raising awareness.
 - Participate in the recommendations concerning standard practice guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of PANS/PANDAS.
 - Provide outreach through the establishment of a volunteer network.