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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1736

4 By: Representative Dotson

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

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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS TO  
11 A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A  
12 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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15 **Subtitle**

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17 DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN  
18 WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A PRIMARY CARE  
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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 Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is  
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 20-77-131. Direct access to chiropractic physicians.

27 (a) On or before January 1, 2016, the Department of Human Services  
28 shall adopt rules to allow a Medicaid recipient direct access to a  
29 chiropractic physician.

30 (b) Rules adopted under this section shall:

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

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

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

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7 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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