

State of Arkansas
77th General Assembly
Regular Session, 1989
By: Rep. Arrington

HOUSE BILL 1043

"AN ACT TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES-ECONOMIC AND MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION FOR ASSISTING RURAL HOSPITALS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1989; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated, to be payable from the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account, to the Economic and Medical Services Division of the Arkansas Department of Human Services for the purpose of defraying the State's share of the additional costs of medical services for Medicaid recipients in Arkansas rural hospitals which have fewer than 100 certified beds, which such appropriation shall be supplemental and in addition to other appropriations available for such purpose, for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989, the sum of \$500,000.

SECTION 2. Such funds and appropriation as provided in this Act shall be used exclusively for the purposes enumerated herein after approval by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and shall not be available for transfer for any other purpose or program.

SECTION 3. On the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the State Treasurer to transfer the sum provided by Section 1 of this act, or so much thereof as may be required to carry out the intent of this act, from the 76th Session Transfer Fund to the Department of Human Services Grant Fund Account of the Department of Human Services Fund to provide funding for the appropriation provided herein.

SECTION 4. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature

are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 5. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly that small rural hospitals in the State are essential for the well being of our citizens; that discriminatory costs reimbursement practices cause great economic hardships on these vital health care providers; that health should not be a function of income; and that the State of Arkansas has a duty to its citizens to provide for the availability of health care services. Therefor, this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall take effect and full force from and after its passage and approval.