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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 23-79-114, PERTAINING TO  
9 INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT, TO INCLUDE ADVANCED PRACTICE  
10 NURSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 23-79-114(f) is amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 "(f) Notwithstanding any provision of any individual or group policy of  
22 accident and health insurance, or any provision of a policy, contract, plan,  
23 or agreement for hospital or medical service or indemnity, in cases where the  
24 policy, contract, plan, or agreement provides for payment or reimbursement  
25 for any services provided by persons licensed under the Arkansas Medical  
26 Practices Act, § 17-93-201 et seq., the person entitled to benefits or the  
27 persons providing services under the policy, contract, plan, or agreement are  
28 entitled to the same method of payment for the service when the service is  
29 provided by any person licensed as an advanced practice nurse and operating  
30 within his area of competence.

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(1) No person entitled to benefits under this subsection shall  
be denied freedom of choice to select any practitioner licensed under  
§17-86-302, as amended, by any insurer or agency or employee of the insurer  
or by any department, agency, or employee of this state.

(2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to enlarge or

1 diminish the practice of advance practice nurses under § 17-86-302.

2           (3) The purpose of this subsection is to insure that persons  
3 licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-93-201 et seq., or  
4 persons licensed as advanced practice nurses under §17-86-302, as amended,  
5 shall be entitled to the same method of payment for health care services that  
6 fall within the scope of practice of an advanced practice nurse."

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8           SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
9 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
10 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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12           SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
13 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
14 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
15 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
16 act are declared to be severable.

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18           SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
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