

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999

A Bill

SENATE BILL 377

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5 By: Senator Argue
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND THE 'ARKIDS FIRST PROGRAM ACT;' AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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13 "AN ACT TO AMEND THE 'ARKIDS FIRST
14 PROGRAM ACT' ."
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Section 2 of uncodified Act 407 of 1997 is amended to read
20 as follows:

21 "SECTION 2. Purpose.

22 The purpose and intent of this program is to establish a ~~two year pilot~~
23 program beginning in the 1997-1998 biennium to provide access to appropriate
24 health care services for eligible children in Arkansas."
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26 SECTION 2. Section 3 of uncodified Act 407 of 1997 is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 "SECTION 3. Administration - Regulations.

29 The Department of Human Services shall be responsible for preparing and
30 submitting a waiver request to the Health Care Financing Administration to
31 create and administer the ARKids First program. The department shall
32 administer and promulgate rules for the ARKids First program in conformity
33 with a Medicaid waiver and in a manner that:

34 (1) (A) Defines the population which may receive services provided
35 or reimbursed through this program by limiting the program to children
36 eighteen (18) years of age or less who are members of a family with a gross

1 family income not exceeding two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty
2 guideline who are not otherwise Medicaid eligible and ~~for whom health care~~
3 ~~coverage is unavailable~~ who are not presently covered by a group health plan.

4 (B) 'Group health plan' means an employee welfare benefit
5 plan to the extent that the plan provides medical care, as defined in this
6 section and including items and services paid for as medical care, to
7 employees or their dependents as defined under the terms of the plan directly
8 or through insurance, reimbursement, or otherwise.

9 (2) Provides for the automatic assignment of medical payments due
10 as set out in Arkansas Code 20-77-302 and 20-77-308 as a condition of
11 eligibility for benefits under the uninsured children's program.

12 (3) Defines the services to be covered under the ARKids First
13 program. Providers of covered services shall be those providers enrolled as
14 Medicaid providers, and reimbursement shall be at the rates established by
15 ARKids First.

16 (4) Establishes a copayment for services received in the ARKids
17 First program as permitted by Medicaid waiver and determined through
18 promulgated rules."

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20 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
21 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
22 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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24 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
25 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
26 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
27 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
28 act are declared to be severable.

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30 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
31 hereby repealed.

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