

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2001

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1542

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH PARITY FOR CHILDREN  
11 COVERED BY THE ARKANSAS CHIP PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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15 AN ACT TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH PARITY  
16 FOR CHILDREN COVERED BY THE ARKANSAS  
17 CHIP PROGRAM.

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

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22 SECTION 1. (a) The Arkansas CHIP program shall provide parity for  
23 mental health care.

24 (b) As used in this act, "parity for mental health care" means coverage  
25 for the diagnosis and mental health treatment of mental illnesses and the  
26 mental health treatment of those with developmental disorders, under the same  
27 terms and conditions as provided for covered benefits offered under the  
28 program for the treatment of other medical illnesses or conditions, and with  
29 no differences in the program in regard to any of the following:

30 (1) The duration or frequency of coverage;

31 (2) The dollar amount of coverage; or

32 (3) Financial requirements.

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