

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.

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State of Arkansas
83rd General Assembly
Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2412

By: Representative Carson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND THE ARKANSAS
MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT AUTHORIZING DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
AND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-105-124. Direct reimbursement agreements.

(a) A physician assistant may enter into a direct reimbursement agreement with the agency administering the state medicaid program.

(b) The agency administering the state medicaid program shall not discriminate against physician assistant practitioners providing covered services within the scope of their practice as identified by the supervisory physician.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that direct reimbursement agreements between Arkansas physician assistants and the Arkansas medicaid program are necessary to provide immediate and affordable health care to Arkansas citizens who might otherwise be denied necessary care. Therefore,

1 an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary
2 for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become
3 effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is
4 neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the
5 expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill.
6 If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall
7 become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.

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