

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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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2451

5 By: Representative Roebuck  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO PROVIDING MENTAL  
10 HEALTH SERVICES TO CHILDREN; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO PROVIDING MENTAL  
15 HEALTH SERVICES TO CHILDREN.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. (a) The purpose of the act is to remove barriers to  
21 providing mental health services to children and to ensure each Medicaid-  
22 eligible child has a primary care physician.

23 (b)(1) Upon completion of a diagnosis and treatment plan, the mental  
24 health provider shall inform the primary care physician and determine the  
25 level of involvement desired by the primary care physician.

26 (2) The mental health provider shall communicate the ninety-day  
27 review, update, and discharge plans to the primary care physician.

28 (3) The mental health provider shall notify the primary care  
29 physician of the following:

30 (A) Treatment failure or material interruption;

31 (B) Leave against medical advice; and

32 (C) Adverse outcomes if the child moves from ambulatory  
33 into residential or acute inpatient care.

34 (c)(1) If a mental health provider receives a referral of a Medicaid-  
35 eligible child that is not from a primary care physician, the mental health  
36 provider shall conduct an early periodic screening and diagnosis test as



1 standardized and approved by the Division of Behavioral Health and the  
2 Division of Medical Services of the Department of Human Services.

3 (2) The mental health provider shall inform the primary care  
4 physician of the screening results, including the diagnosis and treatment  
5 plan, and determine the level of involvement desired by the primary care  
6 physician.

7 (3) If the Medicaid-eligible child has no primary care  
8 physician, the mental health provider shall assist the family or legal  
9 guardian in obtaining a primary care physician.

10 (d) The Arkansas Medicaid program shall not deny a Medicaid claim for  
11 mental health services for an eligible child due solely to the lack of a  
12 primary care physician referral.

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14 /s/ Roebuck  
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