

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 2794

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT TO  
LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT OR  
REIMBURSEMENT TO LICENSED ATHLETIC  
TRAINERS.

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1 is amended  
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

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23-79-152. Payment for services of athletic trainers.

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(a) Notwithstanding any provision of any individual or group policy of  
25 accident and health insurance, or any provision of a policy, contract, plan,  
26 or agreement for hospital or medical service or indemnity, if the policy,  
27 contract, plan, or agreement provides coverage for services that are within  
28 the lawful scope of practice of an athletic trainer licensed under the  
29 Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act, § 17-93-401 et seq., then the person entitled  
30 to benefits or the athletic trainer providing services under the policy,  
31 contract, plan, or agreement is entitled to:

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(1) The same method of payment as for services provided by  
33 persons licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, §§ 17-95-201 et  
34 seq., 17-95-301 et seq., and 17-95-401 et seq.; and

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(2) Payment for covered services, even if the services are  
36 performed for high school, college, or university athlete on a high school,



1 college, or university campus.

2 (b) No person entitled to benefits under this section shall be denied  
3 freedom of choice to select any practitioner licensed under the Arkansas  
4 Athletic Trainers Act, § 17-93-401 et seq. by any insurer or agency or  
5 employee of the insurer or by any department, agency, or employee of this  
6 state.

7 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to enlarge or diminish  
8 the practice of a licensed athletic trainer under the Arkansas Athletic  
9 Trainers Act, § 17-93-401 et seq.

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