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8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE ARKANSAS
10 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION URGE THE CENTERS FOR
11 MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES OF THE UNITED
12 STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO
13 REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT A STATE-LICENSED
14 SPEECH PATHOLOGIST HOLD NATIONAL CERTIFICATION OR
15 BE IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR NATIONAL
16 CERTIFICATION IN ORDER TO BILL MEDICAID FOR
17 SERVICES RENDERED.

18 Subtitle

19 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL
20 DELEGATION TO SEEK REPEAL OF THE FEDERAL
21 REQUIREMENT THAT A SPEECH PATHOLOGIST
22 HAVE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION IN ORDER TO
23 BILL FOR MEDICAID SERVICES.
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27 WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United
28 States Department of Health and Human Services oversees Medicare and state
29 Medicaid programs; and
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31 WHEREAS, in order to bill for Medicaid services rendered, the Centers
32 for Medicare and Medicaid Services require by regulation, 42 C.F.R. 440.110,
33 that a speech pathologist (1) hold a certificate of clinical competence from
34 the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; (2) have completed the
35 equivalent educational requirements and work experience necessary for the
36 certification; or (3) have completed the academic programs and be acquiring



1 supervised work experience to qualify for the certificate; and

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3 WHEREAS, Arkansas licensure requirements for speech pathologists, which
4 include testing, academic preparation, and work experience are based on and
5 comparable to the standards of the American Speech-Language-Hearing
6 Association, but actual national certification is not required to be
7 obtained; and

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9 WHEREAS, the difference between requirements for state licensure and
10 Medicaid billing effectively forces Arkansas speech pathologists to join the
11 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at a cost of not less than two
12 hundred dollars (\$200) per year; and

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14 WHEREAS, the payment of a two-hundred-dollar annual fee for the
15 privilege of billing Medicaid works a hardship on many speech pathologists in
16 the State of Arkansas and operates as an impediment to effective service
17 delivery to children in the state,

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19 NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 THAT the House of Representatives of the State of Arkansas requests
24 that the Arkansas Congressional Delegation urge the Centers for Medicare and
25 Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human
26 Services to repeal the requirement that a state-licensed speech pathologist
27 have national certification in order to bill Medicaid for services rendered
28 to patients.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief
31 Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Arkansas shall transmit
32 a copy to each member of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

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