

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  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 1117

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5 By: Senator Laverty  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING MEDICAL  
10 ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT PERSONS; TO PLACE A  
11 MORATORIUM ON OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACTS  
12 UNDER THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON  
17 OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACTS UNDER  
18 THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that:

24 (1) The state desires to provide appropriate mental health  
25 services to all need persons;

26 (2) The state has limited resources with which to provide mental  
27 health services;

28 (3) The state must use those limited resources efficiently; and

29 (4) There are sufficient providers currently enrolled in the  
30 Medicaid program to serve the needs of the current Medicaid population.  
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32 SECTION 2. This act create a moratorium on all new outpatient mental  
33 health contracts under the state Medicaid program.  
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