

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 924

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5 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROTECT CITIZENS AFFLICTED WITH MENTAL
10 ILLNESS; TO LIMIT MEDICAID RESTRICTIONS ON MENTAL
11 HEALTH MEDICATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO PROTECT CITIZENS AFFLICTED
15 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 45, Subchapter 1 is amended
21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 20-45-103. Limitations on restrictions on medications used to treat
23 mental illness.

24 (a) No requirement for prior authorization or other restrictions on
25 medications used to treat mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, depression,
26 or bipolar disorder may be imposed on Medicaid recipients.

27 (b) Medications that shall be available under the state Medicaid plan
28 without restriction for persons with mental illnesses include, but are not
29 limited to:

30 (1) Atypical antipsychotic medications;

31 (2) Conventional antipsychotic medications; and

32 (3) Other medications used for the treatment of mental
33 illnesses.
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