

State of Arkansas
85th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 991

By: Senator Holt

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE TRADITIONAL PRACTICE OF LAY
MIDWIFERY; TO ALLOW LAY MIDWIVES TO BE REIMBURSED
THROUGH MEDICAID; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW LAY MIDWIVES TO BE REIMBURSED
THROUGH MEDICAID.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
amended to add a new section as follows:

20-77-121. Medicaid reimbursements for lay midwives.

The Director of the Division of Medical Services of the Department of
Human Services shall seek a state plan revision from the Centers for Medicare
and Medicaid Services to allow the reimbursement of lay midwives licensed
under § 17-85-107 for all procedures relevant to the management of women in
the antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum periods of the maternity cycle.

