

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 2275

5 By: Representative D. Evans
6 By: Senator Broadway
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE PAYMENT OF MEDICAL TREATMENT
11 FOR WORK-RELATED INJURIES UNLESS CONTROVERTED BY
12 THE EMPLOYER; TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE ARKANSAS
13 CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-9-508(a), concerning medical treatment
28 for injured workers, is amended to read as follows:

29 (a)(1) The employer shall promptly provide for an injured employee
30 such medical, surgical, hospital, chiropractic, optometric, podiatric, and
31 nursing services and medicine, crutches, ambulatory devices, artificial
32 limbs, eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, and other apparatus as may
33 be reasonably necessary in connection with the injury received by the
34 employee.

35 (2) If the employer sends the injured employee to obtain medical
36 treatment under subdivision (a)(1) of this section and the medical care



1 provider confirms authorization for treatment, the employer shall remain
2 liable for the reasonably necessary medical treatment provided to the
3 employee until the employer notifies the medical care provider, in writing,
4 that the employer is controverting the future medical treatment or the
5 compensability of the injured employee's claim.

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