

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 2701

5 By: Representative Norton
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT PHYSICIANS RECEIVE FULL
10 REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES PERFORMED
11 BY A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT UNDER THE PHYSICIAN'S
12 SUPERVISION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT PHYSICIANS RECEIVE
16 FULL REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE
17 SERVICES PERFORMED BY A PHYSICIAN
18 ASSISTANT.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1 is amended
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 23-79-154. Reimbursement for physician assistant services.

26 (a) As used in this section, "health plan" means any group, blanket,
27 or individual accident and health insurance policy, contract, or plan issued
28 in this state by an insurance company, hospital medical service corporation,
29 or health maintenance organization, provided that nothing in this subchapter
30 shall apply to accident only, specified disease, hospital indemnity, medicare
31 supplement, long-term care, disability income, or other limited benefit
32 health insurance policies

33 (b) A health plan shall not refuse to reimburse a physician at the
34 full rate for health care services provided by a physician assistant if the
35 practice complies with the laws of this state.

36 (c) A health plan shall not impose a practice or supervision



1 restriction on a physician assistant which is inconsistent with or more
2 restrictive than the restriction already imposed by the laws of this state.

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