

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 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009
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As Engrossed: S3/19/09

A Bill

SENATE BILL 944

5 By: Senator Elliott
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN DRUGS BE MADE
10 AVAILABLE TO ARKANSANS WITHOUT RESTRICTION WHEN
11 THE DRUGS HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED BY
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. Findings.

25 The General Assembly finds that:

26 (1) Asthma diagnosis and treatment continue to increase in
27 Arkansas as well as nationwide;

28 (2) Asthma has become increasingly problematic in the Arkansas
29 Medicaid population, especially among children;

30 (3) Arkansas Medicaid has seen steady increases in the use of
31 emergency medicines to treat asthma, reflecting poor asthma control;

32 (4) In Arkansas, controller medications are used at a level
33 below the national average;

34 (5) Medication restrictions imposed on the Medicaid population
35 in Arkansas exceed the restrictions in every other state;
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