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	As Engrossed: S3/19/09 S3/31/09	
2	87th General Assembly	[°] A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2009	SENATE BI	ILL 944
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5	By: Senator Elliott		
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT	TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ASTHMA	
10	MEDI CA 1	TION USE AND REIMBURSEMENT WITHIN THE	
11	ARKANSA	AS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER	
12	PURPOSE	ES.	
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16	MEDI	ICATION USE AND REIMBURSEMENT WITHIN	
17	THE	ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.	
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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22	SECTION 1. Wit	hin thirty (30) days after the effective date of t	this
23	act, the Department o	f Human Services shall invite a representative of	<u>each</u>
24	of the following enti	ties to meet to study the issues in Section 2 of t	<i>this</i>
25	<u>act:</u>		
26	<u>(1) The</u>	Department of Human Services;	
27	<u>(2) Glax</u>	oSmithKline;	
28	<u>(3) The</u>	Arkansas Medical Society;	
29	<u>(4) The</u>	Arkansas Pharmacy Association;	
30	<u>(5) The</u>	Arkansas Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Assoc	<u>ciation</u>
31	<u>(6) The</u>	Arkansas Asthma Coalition;	
32	<u>(7) The</u>	Arkansas Pediatric Association;	
33	<u>(8) Arka</u>	nsas Children's Hospital;	
34	<u>(9) The</u>	Arkansas Chapter of the American Pediatric Associa	ation;
35	<u>and</u>		
36	<u>(10) The</u>	Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians.	

T	SECTION 2. The group created in Section 1 of this act shall study:		
2	(1) The negative and positive effects of the step edit on asthma		
3	patients and their providers in the Arkansas Medicaid Program;		
4	(2) Ways and means to increase Medicaid patient compliance with		
5	asthma medication usage in the Arkansas Medicaid Program;		
6	(3) Effects of removing the restrictions on asthma medication in		
7	the Arkansas Medicaid Program; and		
8	(4) Other issues related to asthma medication in the Arkansas		
9	Medicaid Program.		
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11	SECTION 3. On or before October 1, 2009, the Department of Human		
12	Services shall report on behalf of the group created in Section 1 of this act		
13	the findings of the group to the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare,		
14	and Labor and the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.		
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16	/s/ Elliott		
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