

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
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As Engrossed: S3/19/09 S3/31/09 S4/2/09

A Bill

SENATE BILL 944

5 By: Senator Elliott
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ASTHMA
10 MEDICATION USE AND REIMBURSEMENT WITHIN THE
11 ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ASTHMA
15 MEDICATION USE AND REIMBURSEMENT WITHIN
16 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. Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this
23 act, the Department of Human Services shall invite a representative of each
24 of the following entities to meet to study the issues in Section 2 of this
25 act:

26 (1) The Department of Human Services;

27 (2) Two (2) members of the Pharmaceutical Research
28 Manufacturer's Association (PhRMA);

29 (3) The Arkansas Medical Society;

30 (4) The Arkansas Pharmacists Association;

31 (5) The Arkansas Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical
32 Association;

33 (6) The Arkansas Asthma Coalition;

34 (7) Arkansas Children's Hospital;

35 (8) The Arkansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics;

36 (9) The Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians; and



1 (10) The College of Pharmacy of the University of Arkansas for
2 Medical Sciences.

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4 SECTION 2. The group created in Section 1 of this act shall study:

5 (1) The negative and positive effects of the clinical edit on
6 asthma patients and their providers in the Arkansas Medicaid Program;

7 (2) Ways and means to increase Medicaid patient compliance with
8 asthma medication usage in the Arkansas Medicaid Program;

9 (3) Effects of removing the restrictions on asthma medication in
10 the Arkansas Medicaid Program; and

11 (4) Other issues related to asthma medication in the Arkansas
12 Medicaid Program.

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14 SECTION 3. On or before May 1, 2010, the Department of Human Services
15 shall report on behalf of the group created in Section 1 of this act the
16 findings of the group to the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and
17 Labor and the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

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19 /s/ Elliott
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