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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1831

5 By: Representative McLean
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS TO
9 A *CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN* WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A
10 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 *AN ACT TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS*
15 *DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN*
16 *WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A PRIMARY CARE*
17 *PHYSICIAN.*
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1 is amended*
23 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

24 *20-77-125. Direct access to chiropractic physicians.*

25 *(a) On or before June 30, 2012, the Department of Human Services shall*
26 *adopt rules to allow a Medicaid recipient direct access to a chiropractic*
27 *physician.*

28 *(b) Rules adopted under this section shall:*

29 *(1) Allow a Medicaid recipient to receive diagnosis and*
30 *treatment from a chiropractic physician without a referral from a primary*
31 *care physician;*

32 *(2) Direct the Division of Medical Services of the Department of*
33 *Human Services to develop a process for reporting diagnosis, treatment, costs*
34 *of services, and cost-savings benefits under this section; and*

35 *(3) Specify that a chiropractic physician who provides diagnosis*
36 *or treatment, or both, under this section shall receive the same*



1 reimbursement as if the Medicaid recipient had been referred to the
2 chiropractic physician by a primary care physician.

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