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A Bill

SENATE BILL 455

5 By: Senator Maloch
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENT
9 PROCESS FOR ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND PROSTHETIC SERVICES;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO CLARIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENT
15 PROCESS FOR ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND
16 PROSTHETIC SERVICES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-417(a)(1), concerning insurance*
22 *coverage required for orthotic devices and prosthetic services, is amended to*
23 *read as follows:*

24 *(a)(1) Subject to subdivision (a)(2) of this section and subsections*
25 *(b) and (c) of this section, a health benefit plan that is issued for*
26 *delivery, delivered, renewed, or otherwise contracted for in this state shall*
27 ~~*provide coverage for eligible charges within limits of coverage pay for*~~
28 *eligible charges within limits of coverage that are no less than eighty*
29 *percent (80%) of Medicare allowable as defined by the Centers for Medicare &*
30 *Medicaid Services, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System as of January 1,*
31 *2009, or as of a later date if adopted by rule of the Insurance Commissioner*
32 *for:*

- 33 (A) *An orthotic device;*
- 34 (B) *An orthotic service;*
- 35 (C) *A prosthetic device; and*
- 36 (D) *A prosthetic service.*



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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-99-417, concerning insurance coverage required for orthotic devices and prosthetic services, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) The commissioner may:

(1) Issue a rule governing payment standards for health benefit plans under subdivision (a)(1) of this section; and

(2) Adopt necessary rules to enforce this section.

/s/Maloch