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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1150

5 By: Representative Carter  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
10 SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE  
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL  
18 YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
25 for the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the  
26 2014-2015 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2014-2015
32	(1) L008N	PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST	2	GRADE N917
33	(2) N181N	DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES	1	GRADE N915
34	(3) L016N	REGISTERED PHARMACIST	6	GRADE N911
35	(4) N080N	DHS/DMS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - FISCAL	2	GRADE N907
36	(5) N099N	DHS/DMS ADD - LONG TERM CARE	1	GRADE N906



1	(6)	N100N	DHS/DMS ADD - MEDICAL SERVICES	2	GRADE N906
2	(7)	N110N	DHS ASST DIR CONTRACT MONITORING UNIT	1	GRADE N905
3	(8)	N111N	DHS ASST DEP DIR FOR MGR ACCOUNTING	1	GRADE N905
4	(9)	A010C	AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE C128
5	(10)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE C128
6	(11)	A016C	DHS DMS BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER	8	GRADE C127
7	(12)	L003C	PSYCHOLOGIST	5	GRADE C127
8	(13)	L010C	DHS DMS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE MANAGER	8	GRADE C125
9	(14)	L009C	NURSE MANAGER	4	GRADE C125
10	(15)	A031C	ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	GRADE C124
11	(16)	L015C	CLINICAL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	2	GRADE C124
12	(17)	B023C	ENGINEER, P.E.	1	GRADE C124
13	(18)	D030C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C124
14	(19)	L021C	NURSING HOME ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C123
15	(20)	L020C	NURSING SERVICES UNIT MANAGER	2	GRADE C123
16	(21)	L019C	REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	5	GRADE C123
17	(22)	A044C	AUDIT COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C122
18	(23)	G099C	DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	14	GRADE C122
19	(24)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	11	GRADE C122
20	(25)	A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
21	(26)	M011C	FAMILY SERVICE WORKER COUNTY SUP	1	GRADE C121
22	(27)	A047C	FINANCIAL ANALYST II	1	GRADE C121
23	(28)	A056C	DHS FINANCIAL SECTION MANAGER	2	GRADE C120
24	(29)	L040C	DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C120
25	(30)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	68	GRADE C120
26	(31)	E023C	TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE C120
27	(32)	D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C119
28	(33)	D062C	DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE C119
29	(34)	G152C	DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	14	GRADE C119
30	(35)	G147C	GRANTS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE C119
31	(36)	X067C	HEALTH FACILITIES SURVEYOR	21	GRADE C119
32	(37)	D061C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORD SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C119
33	(38)	X062C	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE C119
34	(39)	A060C	SENIOR AUDITOR	10	GRADE C119
35	(40)	A075C	FINANCIAL ANALYST I	1	GRADE C118
36	(41)	A081C	AUDITOR	2	GRADE C117

1	(42)	R027C	BUDGET SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C117
2	(43)	G183C	DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	10	GRADE C117
3	(44)	L055C	DIETICIAN	1	GRADE C117
4	(45)	D068C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	2	GRADE C117
5	(46)	D067C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY ANALYST	2	GRADE C117
6	(47)	G179C	LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C117
7	(48)	M039C	MEDICAID SERVICES SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C117
8	(49)	G178C	POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C117
9	(50)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE C117
10	(51)	E044C	CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	1	GRADE C117
11	(52)	A089C	ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE C116
12	(53)	A088C	ASSETS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C116
13	(54)	X124C	HEALTH FACILITY REVIEWER	1	GRADE C116
14	(55)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE C115
15	(56)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE C115
16	(57)	C050C	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C113
17	(58)	L070C	HEALTH CARE ANALYST	18	GRADE C113
18	(59)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	28	GRADE C112
19	(60)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C112
20	(61)	A101C	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C109
21	(62)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	12	GRADE C109
22	(63)	C087C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>10</u>	GRADE C106
23			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	327	

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25 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 26 the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the 2014-  
 27 2015 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary  
 28 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated  
 29 herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-time employees, when  
 30 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform  
 31 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the  
 32 appropriate classification.

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34 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 35 to the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services, to be  
 36 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

1 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 2 Human Services - Division of Medical Services - Operations for the fiscal  
 3 year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$16,445,333
8 (02) EXTRA HELP	201,892
9 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	5,528,850
10 (04) OVERTIME	5,000
11 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,541,565
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	233,728
14 (C) PROF. FEES	555,132
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	144,388
16 (E) DATA PROC.	0
17 (06) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>299,600</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$26,955,488</u></u>

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20 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
 21 the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services, to be  
 22 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 23 the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division  
 24 of Medical Services - Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the  
 25 following:

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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
29 (01) PRIVATE NURSING HOME CARE	\$716,865,047
30 (02) INFANT INFIRMARY	27,555,873
31 (03) PUBLIC NURSING HOME CARE	223,528,121
32 (04) PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	385,783,553
33 (05) HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES	5,066,397,953
34 (06) CHILD AND FAMILY LIFE INSTITUTE	2,100,000
35 (07) ARKIDS B PROGRAM	<u>148,436,682</u>
36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,570,667,229</u></u>

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 2 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - NURSING HOME CLOSURE COSTS. There is hereby  
 3 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical  
 4 Services, to be payable from the Long-Term Care Trust Fund, for the payment  
 5 of relocation costs of residents in long-term care facilities, maintenance  
 6 and operation of a facility pending correction of deficiencies or closure,  
 7 and reimbursement of residents for personal funds lost for the fiscal year  
 8 ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) EXPENSES	<u>\$50,000</u>

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 14 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RECEIVERSHIP. There  
 15 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of  
 16 Medical Services, to be payable from the Long Term Care Facility Receivership  
 17 Fund Account, for the payment of expenses of long-term care facility  
 18 receivers as authorized by law of the Department of Human Services - Division  
 19 of Medical Services - Long-Term Care Facility Receivership for the fiscal  
 20 year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) EXPENSES	<u>\$100,000</u>

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 26 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - NURSING HOME QUALITY GRANTS. There is  
 27 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of  
 28 Medical Services, to be payable from the Long-Term Care Trust Fund, for  
 29 Nursing Home Quality Grants of the Department of Human Services - Division of  
 30 Medical Services - Nursing Home Quality Grants for the fiscal year ending  
 31 June 30, 2015, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) NURSING HOME QUALITY GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

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1 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES GRANTS FUND ACCOUNT. The Department of Human  
 4 Services Grants Fund Account shall be used for the following grant programs  
 5 to consist of general revenues and any other nonfederal funds, as may be  
 6 appropriated by the General Assembly:

- 7 (i) Children’s Medical Services;
- 8 (ii) Food Stamp Employment and Training Program;
- 9 (iii) Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled;
- 10 (iv) Transitional Employment Assistance Program;
- 11 (v) Private nursing home care;
- 12 (vi) Infant Infirmary - nursing home care;
- 13 (vii) Public Nursing Home Care;
- 14 (viii) Prescription Drugs;
- 15 (ix) Hospital and Medical Services;
- 16 (x) Child and Family Life Institute;
- 17 (xi) Community Services Block Grant;
- 18 (xii) ARKIDSFIRST;
- 19 (xiii) Child Health Management Services; and
- 20 (xiv) Child Care Grant

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 22 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL  
 24 SERVICES - CHILD AND FAMILY LIFE INSTITUTE. The Child Health and Family Life  
 25 Institute shall be administered under the direction of Arkansas Children’s  
 26 Hospital. Arkansas Children’s Hospital shall enter into a cooperative  
 27 agreement and/or contract with the University of Arkansas for Medical  
 28 Sciences - Department of Pediatrics for services required in delivering the  
 29 programs of the Child Health and Family Life Institute. Utilizing a  
 30 multidisciplinary collaboration of professionals, the Child Health and Family  
 31 Life Institute shall provide a statewide effort to explore, develop and  
 32 evaluate new and better ways to address medically, socially and economically  
 33 interrelated health and developmental needs of children with special health  
 34 care needs and their families. The Child Health and Family Life Institute’s  
 35 priorities shall include, but are not limited to, wellness and prevention,  
 36 screen and diagnosis, treatment and intervention, training and education and

1 research and evaluation.

2 Arkansas Children's Hospital and the University of Arkansas for Medical  
3 Sciences - Department of Pediatrics shall make annual reports to the Arkansas  
4 Legislative Council on all matters of funding, existing programs and services  
5 offered through the Child Health and Family Life Institute.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~  
7 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

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9 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL  
11 SERVICES - PHARMACEUTICAL DISPENSING FEE SURVEY. No more than two years prior  
12 to making any changes to the current pharmaceutical dispensing fee, the State  
13 shall conduct an independent survey utilizing generally accepted accounting  
14 principles, to determine the cost of dispensing a prescription by pharmacists  
15 in Arkansas. Only factors relative to the cost of dispensing shall be  
16 surveyed. These factors shall not include actual acquisition costs or average  
17 profit or any combination of actual acquisition costs or average profit. The  
18 survey results shall be the basis for establishing the dispensing fee paid to  
19 participating pharmacies in the Medicaid prescription drug program in  
20 accordance with Federal requirements. The dispensing fee shall be no lower  
21 than the cost of dispensing as determined by the survey. Nothing in this  
22 section shall be construed to prohibit the State from increasing the  
23 dispensing fee at any time.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~  
25 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

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27 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL  
29 SERVICES - GENERAL MEDICAID RATE METHODOLOGY PROVISIONS.

30 (a) Rates established by the Division of Medical Services for the services  
31 or programs covered by this Act shall be calculated by the methodologies  
32 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The  
33 Division of Medical Services shall have the authority to reduce or increase  
34 rates based on the approved methodology. Further, the Division of Medical  
35 Services shall have the authority to increase or decrease rates for good  
36 cause including, but not limited to: (1) Identification of provider(s) who

1 can render needed services of equal quality at rates less than traditionally  
2 charged and who meet the applicable federal and state laws, rules and  
3 regulations pertaining to the provision of a particular service;

4 (2) Identification that a provider or group of providers has consistently  
5 charged rates to the Arkansas Medicaid Program greater than to other  
6 purchasers of medical services of similar size;

7 (3) The Division determines that there has been significant changes in the  
8 technology or process by which services are provided by a provider or group  
9 of providers which has affected the costs of providing services, or;

10 (4) A severe economic downturn in the Arkansas economy which has affected the  
11 overall state budget of the Division of Medical Services.

12 The Division of Medical Services shall make available to requesting  
13 providers, the CMS's inflationary forecasts (CMS Market Basket Index). Rates  
14 established with cost of living increases based on the CMS Market Basket  
15 Index or other indices will be adjusted annually except when the state budget  
16 does not provide sufficient appropriation and funding to affect the change or  
17 portion thereof.

18 (b) Any rate methodology changes proposed by the Division of Medical  
19 Services both of a general and specific nature, shall be subject to prior  
20 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

21 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
22 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
23 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
24 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
25 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
26 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has  
27 determined that the Department of Human Services – Division of Medical  
28 Services may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the  
29 Department of Human Services – Division of Medical Services authorizing broad  
30 powers under this section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate  
31 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of  
32 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this  
33 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint  
34 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement  
35 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled  
36 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is



1 void.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~  
3 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

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5 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND  
7 USAGE AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Children's Hospital may request the Department  
8 of Human Services - Division of Medical Services to retain in the Department  
9 of Human Services Grant Fund account an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 from  
10 funds made available by this Act for the Child and Family Life Institute,  
11 Section 4, item number 06 to be used to match federal funds used for  
12 supplemental Medicaid payments to Arkansas Children's Hospital. These  
13 retained funds shall not be recovered to transfer to the General Revenue  
14 Allotment Reserve Fund.

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16 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STATE  
18 PLAN. The State Plan must include the provision of EPSDT services as those  
19 services are defined in §1396d(r). See §§ 1396a(a)(10)(A), 1396d(a)(4)(B);  
20 see also 1396a(a)(43). Section 1396d(r) lists in detail the screening  
21 services, vision services, dental services, and hearing services that the  
22 State Plan must expressly include, but with regard to treatment services, it  
23 states that EPSDT means "[s]uch other necessary health care, diagnostic  
24 services, treatment, and other measures described in subsection (a) of this  
25 section to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses  
26 and conditions discovered by the screening services, whether or not such  
27 services are covered under the State plan." 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(r)(5) (emphasis  
28 added). Reading §1396a, § 1396d(a), and § 1396d(r) together, we believe that  
29 the State Plan need not specifically list every treatment service conceivably  
30 available under the EPSDT mandate.

31 The State Plan, however, must pay part or all of the cost of treatments to  
32 ameliorate conditions discovered by the screening process when those  
33 treatments meet the definitions set forth in § 1396a. See §1396d(r)(5); see  
34 also §§1396a(a)(10), 1396a (a)(43), and 1396d(a)(4)(B). The Arkansas State  
35 Plan states that the "State will provide other health care described in [42  
36 U.S.C. 1396d(a)] that is found to be medically necessary to correct or

1 ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions  
2 discovered by the screening services, even when such health care is not  
3 otherwise covered under the State Plan." See State Plan Under Title XIX of  
4 the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program, State Of Arkansas at  
5 §4.b. This provision Meets the EPSDT mandate of the Medicaid Act.

6 We affirm the district court's decision to the extent that it holds that a  
7 Medicaid-Eligible individual has a federal right to early intervention day  
8 treatment when a physician recommends such treatment. Section 1396d(r)(5)  
9 states that EPSDT includes any treatments or measures outlined in §1396d(a).  
10 There are twenty-seven sub-parts to §1396d(a), and we find that sub-part  
11 (a)(13), in particular, when read with the other sections of the Medicaid Act  
12 listed above, mandates that early intervention day treatment be provided when  
13 it is prescribed by a physician. See 42 U.S.C. §1396d(a)(13) (defining  
14 medical assistance reimbursable by Medicaid as "other diagnostic, screening,  
15 preventive, and rehabilitative services, including any medical or remedial  
16 services recommended by a physician...for the maximum reduction of physical  
17 and mental disability and restoration of an individual to the best possible  
18 functional level"). Therefore, after CHMS clinic staff perform a diagnostic  
19 evaluation of an eligible child, if the CHMS physician prescribes early  
20 intervention day treatment as a service that would lead to the maximum  
21 reduction of medical and physical disabilities and restoration of the child  
22 to his or her best possible functional level, the Arkansas State Plan must  
23 reimburse the treatment. Because CHMS clinics are the only providers of early  
24 intervention day treatment, Arkansas must reimburse those clinics.

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26 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL  
28 SERVICES - STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM/PERSONAL CARE PROGRAM.

29 (a) It is the legislative intent that the Department of Human Services in  
30 its administration of the Arkansas Medicaid Program set forth Medicaid  
31 provider participation requirements for "personal care providers" that will  
32 insure sufficient available providers to meet the required needs of all  
33 eligible recipients, to include insuring available in home services twenty-  
34 four (24) hours a day and seven (7) days a week for personal care.

35 (b) For the purposes of this section, "private care agencies" are defined  
36 as those providers licensed by the Department of Labor, certified as

1 ElderChoices Providers and who furnish in home staffing services for respite,  
2 chore services, and homemaker services, and are covered by liability  
3 insurance of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) covering their  
4 employees and independent contractors while they are engaged in providing  
5 services, such as personal care, respite, chore services, and homemaker  
6 services.

7 (c) The purpose of this section is to allow the private care agencies  
8 defined herein to be eligible to provide Medicaid reimbursed personal care  
9 services seven (7) days a week, and does not supercede Department of Human  
10 Services rules establishing monthly benefit limits and prior authorization  
11 requirements.

12 (d) The availability of providers shall not require the Department of  
13 Human Services to reimburse for twenty-four (24) hours per day of personal  
14 care services.

15 (e) The Arkansas Department of Human Services, Medical Services Division  
16 shall take such action as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
17 Services to amend the Arkansas Medicaid manual to include, private care  
18 agencies, as qualified entities to provide Medicaid reimbursed personal care  
19 services.

20 (f) The private care agencies shall comply with rules and regulations  
21 promulgated by the Arkansas Department of Health which shall establish a  
22 separate licensure category for the private care agencies for the provision  
23 of Medicaid reimbursable personal care services seven (7) days a week.

24 (g) The Arkansas Department of Health shall supervise the conduct of the  
25 personal care agencies defined herein.

26 (h) The purpose of this section is to insure the care provided by the  
27 private care agencies, is consistent with the rules and regulations of the  
28 Arkansas Department of Health.

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~  
30 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

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32 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REVIEW OF  
34 RULES IMPACTING STATE MEDICAID COSTS. (a) In light of the rapidly rising  
35 potential costs to the State attributable to the Medicaid program and the  
36 importance of Medicaid expenditures to the health and welfare of the citizens

1 of this State, the General Assembly finds it desirable to exercise more  
 2 thorough review of future proposed changes to rules that might impact those  
 3 costs or expenditures.

4 (b) As used in this section, "rule impacting state Medicaid costs" means  
 5 a proposed rule, as defined by § 25-15-202(8), or a proposed amendment to an  
 6 existing rule, as defined by § 25-15-202(8), that would, if adopted, adjust  
 7 Medicaid reimbursement rates, Medicaid eligibility criteria, or Medicaid  
 8 benefits, including without limitation a proposed rule or a proposed  
 9 amendment to an existing rule seeking to accomplish the following:

10 (1) Reduce the number of individuals covered by Arkansas Medicaid;

11 (2) Limit the types of services covered by Arkansas Medicaid;

12 (3) Reduce the utilization of services covered by Arkansas Medicaid;

13 (4) Reduce provider reimbursement;

14 (5) Increase consumer cost-sharing;

15 (6) Reduce the cost of administering Arkansas Medicaid;

16 (7) Increase Arkansas Medicaid revenues;

17 (8) Reduce fraud and abuse in the Arkansas Medicaid program;

18 (9) Change any of the methodologies used for reimbursement of  
 19 providers;

20 (10) Seek a new waiver or modification of an existing waiver of any  
 21 provision under Medicaid, Title XIX, of the Social Security Act, including a  
 22 waiver that would allow a demonstration project;

23 (11) Participate or seek to participate in Social Security Act Section  
 24 1115(a)(1) waiver authority that would allow operation of a demonstration  
 25 project or program;

26 (12) Participate or seek to participate in a Social Security Act  
 27 Section 1115(a)(2) request for the Secretary of the Department of Health and  
 28 Human Services to provide federal financial participation for costs  
 29 associated with a demonstration project or program;

30 (13) Implement managed care provisions under Section 1932 of Medicaid,  
 31 Title XIX of the Social Security Act; or

32 (14) Participate or seek to participate in the Centers for Medicare and  
 33 Medicaid Services Innovation projects or programs.

34 (c)(1) In addition to filing requirements under the Arkansas  
 35 Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., and § 10-3-309, the  
 36 Department of Human Services shall, at least thirty (30) days before the

1 expiration of the period for public comment, file a proposed rule impacting  
2 state Medicaid costs or a proposed amendment to an existing rule impacting  
3 state Medicaid costs with the Senate Interim Committee on Public Health,  
4 Welfare, and Labor and the House Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare,  
5 and Labor, or, when the General Assembly is in session, with the Senate  
6 Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the House Committee on  
7 Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

8 (2) Any review of the proposed rule or proposed amendment to an  
9 existing rule by the Senate and House Interim Committees on Public Health,  
10 Welfare and Labor or the Senate and House Committees on Public Health,  
11 Welfare, and Labor shall occur within forty-five (45) days of the date the  
12 proposed rule or proposed amendment to an existing rule is filed with the  
13 committees.

14 (d)(1) If adopting an emergency rule impacting state Medicaid costs,  
15 in addition to the filing requirements under the Arkansas Administrative  
16 Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq. and § 10-3-309, the Department of Human  
17 Services shall notify the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
18 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the chair of the Senate Committee on  
19 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor, and the chair of the House Committee on  
20 Public Health, Welfare and Labor of the emergency rule and provide each of  
21 them a copy of the rule within five (5) business days of adopting the rule.

22 (2) Any review of the emergency rule by the Senate and House  
23 Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare and Labor or the Senate and  
24 House Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor shall occur within  
25 forty-five (45) days of the date the emergency rule is provided to the  
26 chairs.

27 (e)(1) The Joint Budget Committee may review a rule impacting state  
28 Medicaid costs during a regular, fiscal, or special session of the General  
29 Assembly.

30 (2) Actions taken by the Joint Budget Committee when reviewing a  
31 rule impacting state Medicaid costs shall have the same effect as actions  
32 taken by the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309.

33 (3) If the Joint Budget Committee reviews a rule impacting state  
34 Medicaid costs, it shall file a report of its actions with the Legislative  
35 Council as soon as practicable.

36 (f) This section expires on June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

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SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 17. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 18. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2014 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2014 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2014.