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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1183

5 By: Representative Dotson
6 By: Senator Caldwell
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY AND EFFICIENCY OF
10 CHIROPRACTIC COVERAGE IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID
11 PROGRAM; TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS
12 TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A
13 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

28 It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide consistency and
29 efficiency of chiropractic coverage in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
32 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

33 20-77-132. Direct access to chiropractic physicians.

34 (a) On or before January 1, 2018, the Department of Human Services
35 shall adopt rules to allow a Medicaid recipient direct access to a
36 chiropractic physician.



1 (b) Rules adopted under this section shall:

2 (1) Allow a Medicaid recipient to receive diagnosis and
3 treatment from a chiropractic physician without a referral from a primary
4 care physician;

5 (2) Limit access to thirty (30) visits to a chiropractic
6 physician per year unless a Medicaid recipient has received prior
7 authorization based on medical necessity for additional visits;

8 (3) Direct the Division of Medical Services of the Department of
9 Human Services to develop a process for reporting diagnosis, treatment, costs
10 of services, and cost-savings benefits under this section; and

11 (4) Specify that a chiropractic physician who provides diagnosis
12 or treatment, or both, under this section shall receive the same
13 reimbursement as if the Medicaid recipient had been referred to the
14 chiropractic physician by a primary care physician.

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