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

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

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