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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1177

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
9 PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN EMERGENCY
10 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS TO A PATIENT WHO HAS A
11 SPECIFIC HEALTH CONDITION; TO ALLOW PARTICIPATION IN
12 CARE COORDINATION BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; TO
13 ENSURE APPROPRIATE TRANSPORT OF A PATIENT WHO HAS A
14 SPECIFIC HEALTH CONDITION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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20 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS TO A PATIENT WHO
21 HAS A SPECIFIC HEALTH CONDITION.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-13-202, concerning the definitions under
27 the Emergency Medical Services Act, is amended to add additional subdivisions
28 to read as follows:

29 (11)(A) "Care coordination" means the coordination of healthcare
30 services by healthcare professional teams to assist a patient in the
31 management of his or her health care and to improve the efficiency and
32 effectiveness of the healthcare sector.

33 (B) "Care coordination" includes without limitation:

34 (i) Developing potential treatment plans;

35 (ii) Determining the optimal treatment for a patient
36 before considering hospitalization; and



1 (iii) Establishing alternative approaches and
 2 treatment for a patient; and

3 (12)(A) "Specific health condition" means a health condition
 4 that requires specialized healthcare treatment.

5 (B) "Specific health condition" includes without
 6 limitation:

7 (i) A health condition that is listed as rare by the
 8 National Institutes of Health; and

9 (ii) A health condition that could be fatal for
 10 which a patient seeks specialized health care.

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 12 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 13, Subchapter 2, is
 13 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14 20-13-216. Specific health condition.

15 (a) Emergency medical services personnel may administer prescription
 16 medications that are:

17 (1) Carried by a patient;

18 (2) Administered via routes of delivery that are within the
 19 scope of training for emergency medical services personnel;

20 (3) Intended to treat a specific health condition; and

21 (4) Not listed on the drug formulary set out by the Department
 22 of Health.

23 (b) A patient who is diagnosed with a specific health condition may
 24 request to be transported to an alternative destination facility that is
 25 farther away than the nearest facility if:

26 (1) The alternative destination facility better meets the needs
 27 of the patient because:

28 (A) The patient's physician and medical records are at the
 29 alternative destination facility;

30 (B) The patient has recently been discharged from the
 31 alternative destination facility;

32 (C) The patient has had previous hospitalizations at the
 33 alternative destination facility; and

34 (D) The patient's complex medical history is followed at
 35 the alternative destination facility; and

36 (2) The request is approved by the regional emergency medical

1 services entity, including an emergency medical services board established
2 under § 14-266-105(a)(3).

3 (c) The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council shall establish
4 standards for:

5 (1) Emergency medical services personnel to communicate with
6 patients and caregivers of patients who are diagnosed with a specific health
7 condition about:

8 (A) The patient's specific health condition;

9 (B) The likelihood that the patient will need emergency
10 medical services; and

11 (C) The collaborative development of emergency medical
12 service care plans to meet the patient's needs; and

13 (2) Regional emergency medical services entities, including
14 emergency medical services boards established under § 14-266-105(a)(3), to
15 participate in care coordination for patients who are diagnosed with a
16 specific health condition.

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