1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H4/5/21*
2 93rd General Assembly A Bill
3 Regular Session, 2021 HOUSE BILL 1781
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5 By: Representative L. Johnson
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7 ## For An Act To Be Entitled
8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND EXPAND THE PRESCRIPTION
9 LIMITATIONS IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; TO
10 EXEMPT LONG-TERM MEDICATION FROM BEING COUNTED
11 TOWARDS A PRESCRIPTION LIMITATION IN THE ARKANSAS
12 MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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15 ## Subtitle
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 4, is
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:
25   20-77-406. Prescription limits.
26   (a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall allow *an adult beneficiary* to
27 have six (6) prescriptions per month.
28   (b) Prescriptions issued under the program shall be renewed at time
29 intervals consistent with and no stricter than state and federal laws.
30   (c) The program shall not count a medication for any of the following
31 conditions or treatments towards the prescription benefit cap for *an adult*
32 *Medicaid* beneficiary per month:
33   (1) High blood pressure;
34   (2) Hypercholesteriolemia;
35   (3) Blood modifiers;
36   (4) Diabetes; or

1   (5)   Inhalers to treat respiratory illness.

2   (d)   On or before January 1, 2022, the Department of Human Services

3   shall submit and apply for any federal waivers, Medicaid state plan

4   amendments, or other authority necessary to implement this section.

5   (e)   Quarterly, the department shall report on the progress and

6   implementation of this section to:

7   (1)   The Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

8   and

9   (2)   The House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

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11   */s/L. Johnson*

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