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A Bill

SENATE BILL 507

5 By: Senator T. Garner
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF INITIATED ACT 4
9 OF 1948; TO CLARIFY THE TREATMENT OF DURABLE MEDICAL
10 EQUIPMENT UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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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 § 11-9-517 is amended to read as follows:
24 11-9-517. Medical services and supplies – Rules.

25 (a) The Workers' Compensation Commission is authorized to establish
26 rules, including schedules of maximum allowable fees for specified medical
27 services rendered with respect to compensable injuries, for the purpose of
28 controlling the cost of medical and hospital services and supplies provided
29 pursuant to §§ 11-9-508 – 11-9-516.

30 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 11-9-513, durable medical
31 equipment and medical supplies, including home durable medical equipment and
32 infusion and oxygen services other than implantables, shall be reimbursed at
33 the lesser of the billed charges or one hundred percent (100%) of the
34 applicable Medicare allowable amount when the durable medical equipment and
35 medical supplies are not included in the carrier's negotiated fee schedule.
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