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SENATE BILL 521

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM
10 COVER A CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
11 WITH DIABETES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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17 PROGRAM COVER A CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE
18 MONITOR FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DIABETES.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 7, Subchapter 1, is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

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20-7-141. Continuous glucose monitor – Definition.

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(a) As used in this section, "continuous glucose monitor" means an
26 instrument or device, including repair and replacement parts, that:

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(1) Is designed and offered for the purpose of aiding an
28 individual with diabetes;

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(2) Measures glucose levels at set intervals by means of a
30 small electrode placed under the skin and held in place by an adhesive; and

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(3) Is generally not useful to an individual who has not
32 been diagnosed with diabetes.

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(b) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall provide coverage for a
34 continuous glucose monitor for the treatment of an individual if the
35 individual has:

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(1) Either:



1 (A) A presence of type 1 diabetes or any other type of
2 diabetes with:

3 (i) The use of insulin more than two (2) times
4 daily; or

5 (ii) Evidence of Level 2 or Level 3 hypoglycemia; or

6 (B) Diagnosis of glycogen storage disease type 1a; and

7 (2) Regular follow-up with a healthcare provider at a minimum
8 every six (6) months to assess for ongoing benefit.

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10 SECTION 2. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

11 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall promulgate
12 rules necessary to implement Section 1 of this act.

13 (b)(1) When adopting the initial rules to implement Section 1 of this
14 act, the final rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption
15 under § 25-15-204(f):

16 (A) On or before January 1, 2022; or

17 (B) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by
18 January 1, 2022, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

19 (2) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall file
20 the proposed rule with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c)
21 sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2022, so that the Legislative Council
22 may consider the rule for approval before January 1, 2022.

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