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A Bill

SENATE BILL 112

5 By: Senator J. Boyd
6 By: Representatives Pilkington, Gramlich
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO BE
10 IDENTIFIED AS A TREATING PROVIDER FOR INSURANCE
11 BILLING AND CLAIMS AND TO BILL AND RECEIVE PAYMENT
12 FOR PROVIDED HEALTHCARE SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO BE
17 IDENTIFIED AS A TREATING PROVIDER FOR
18 INSURANCE BILLING AND CLAIMS AND TO BILL
19 AND RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR PROVIDED
20 HEALTHCARE SERVICES.
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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 § 17-105-101, concerning definitions
27 regarding licensure and regulation of physician assistants, is amended to add
28 additional subdivisions to read as follows:

29 (4) "Health benefit plan" means a plan, policy, contract,
30 certificate, agreement, or other evidence of coverage for healthcare services
31 offered or issued by a healthcare insurer in this state; and

32 (5)(A) "Healthcare insurer" means an entity that is subject to
33 state insurance regulation and provides health insurance in this state.

34 (B) "Healthcare insurer" includes:

35 (i) An insurance company;

36 (ii) A hospital and medical service corporation;



- 1 (iii) A health maintenance organization;
- 2 (iv) A risk-based provider organization; and
- 3 (v) Any sponsor of a nonfederal self-funded
- 4 governmental plan.

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 105, Subchapter 1, is
7 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

8 17-105-125. Insurer billing and payment.

9 (a) If authorized by the supervising physician, a physician assistant
10 shall be:

11 (1) Identified as the treating provider in billing and claims
12 processes when the physician assistant delivered the medical services to the
13 patient; and

14 (2) Allowed to file claims as the billing provider for medical
15 services delivered by the physician assistant to a patient that:

16 (A) Is a Medicaid beneficiary; or

17 (B) Has a health benefit plan provided by a healthcare
18 insurer.

19 (b) Under this section, a health benefit plan provided by a healthcare
20 insurer or the Arkansas Medicaid Program shall not require the physical
21 presence of the supervising physician as provided in § 17-105-101(3).

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23 /s/J. Boyd

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