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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1288

By: Representative L. Johnson

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE CONSUMER
ACT; TO REQUIRE A HEALTHCARE INSURER TO MAKE CERTAIN
RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS TO A PROVIDER UPON CREDENTIALING
OF A PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE
CONSUMER ACT; AND TO REQUIRE A
HEALTHCARE INSURER TO MAKE CERTAIN
RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS TO A PROVIDER UPON
CREDENTIALING OF A PROVIDER.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-411(a)(6), concerning the payment
responsibility of a healthcare insurer to a participating provider, is
amended to read as follows:

(6)(A)(i) For Except as provided in subdivision (a)(6)(B) of
this section, for payment purposes, a healthcare insurer shall treat an
applicant physician as a participating physician from the date of submission
of a substantially completed application once an applicant physician has been
approved through an insurer's credentialing process.

(ii) As used in subdivision (a)(6)(A)(i) of this
section, "date of submission of a substantially completed application" means
the date a healthcare insurer receives an applicant physician's
credentialling information, as defined under § 17-95-107, from the
Centralized Credentials Verification Service of the Arkansas State Medical



1 Board.

2 (B) Subdivision (a)(6)(A) of this section does not apply
3 to the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

4 /s/L. Johnson