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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1332

5 By: Representative Pilkington
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO
10 COVER GLUCAGON-LIKE PEPTIDE-1 RECEPTOR AGONISTS, ALSO
11 KNOWN AS GLP-1 AGONISTS, WHEN PRESCRIBED FOR WEIGHT
12 LOSS; TO REQUIRE THAT HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS PROVIDE
13 COVERAGE FOR GLUCAGON-LIKE PEPTIDE-1 RECEPTOR
14 AGONISTS, ALSO KNOWN AS GLP-1 AGONISTS, WHEN
15 PRESCRIBED FOR WEIGHT LOSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

18 TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM
19 TO COVER GLUCAGON-LIKE PEPTIDE-1
20 RECEPTOR AGONISTS, ALSO KNOWN AS GLP-1
21 AGONISTS, WHEN PRESCRIBED FOR WEIGHT
22 LOSS.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
28 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 20-77-154. Glucagon-like peptide receptor agonists for weight loss.

30 (a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall cover glucagon-like peptide-1
31 receptor agonists, also known as GLP-1 agonists, when prescribed for weight
32 loss.

33 (b) The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal
34 waiver, state plan amendment, or other authorization necessary to implement
35 this section.
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1, is
2 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

3 23-79-169. Coverage for glucagon-like peptide receptor agonists for
4 weight loss.

5 (a) A health benefit plan that is offered, issued, or renewed in this
6 state shall provide coverage for glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists,
7 also known as GLP-1 agonists, when prescribed for weight loss after January
8 1, 2026.

9 (b) Coverage provided under subsection (a) of this section for a
10 government self-insured plan is subject to any health benefit plan provisions
11 that apply to other services covered by the health benefit plan.

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