1	State of Arkansas	*As Engrossed: S2/3/25*
2	95th General Assembly	**A Bill**
3	Regular Session, 2025	SENATE BILL 77

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8 ## For An Act To Be Entitled

9   AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO

10   REIMBURSE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY PROVIDED IN A CLINIC-

11   BASED SETTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14 ## Subtitle

15   TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM

16   TO REIMBURSE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY

17   PROVIDED IN A CLINIC-BASED SETTING.

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

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21   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is

22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23   20-77-154. Physical therapy in clinic-based setting — Findings.

24   (a) The General Assembly finds that:

25   (1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program covers physical therapy to

26 help beneficiaries improve their movement and physical function, manage pain

27 and other chronic conditions, and recover from or prevent injury and chronic

28 disease;

29   (2) However, the program reimburses for physical therapy only in

30 a hospital-based setting;

31   (3) Research has found that access to rehabilitative physical

32 therapy in clinic-based settings leads to lower total costs of care over

33 time, decreases the need for surgical interventions, and reduces the need for

34 long-term use of opioids and other pain medications; and

35   (4) Expanding coverage for rehabilitative physical therapy in

36 clinic-based settings under the program would result in cost savings to the

1   program.
2   (b)   The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for physical therapy
3   provided in a clinic-based setting.
4   (c)   The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal
5   waiver, Medicaid state plan amendment, or other authority necessary to
6   implement this section.
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8   */s/M. Johnson*
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