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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1286

5 By: Representative L. Johnson  
6 By: Senator J. Boyd  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TRIAGE, TREAT, AND  
10 TRANSPORT TO ALTERNATIVE DESTINATION ACT; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TRIAGE, TREAT, AND  
16 TRANSPORT TO ALTERNATIVE DESTINATION  
17 ACT.  
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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 § 23-79-2703(a), concerning coverage for an  
22 ambulance service under the Arkansas Triage, Treat, and Transport to  
23 Alternative Destination Act, is amended to read as follows:

24 (a) ~~On and after January 1, 2024, a~~ A healthcare insurer that offers,  
25 issues, or renews a health benefit plan in this state shall provide coverage  
26 for an ambulance service to:

27 (1) ~~An ambulance service to:~~

28 ~~(A)~~ Treat an enrollee in place if the ambulance service is  
29 coordinating the care of the enrollee through telemedicine with a physician  
30 for a medical-based complaint or with a behavioral health specialist for a  
31 behavioral-based complaint; ~~or~~

32 ~~(B)~~ (2) Triage or triage and transport an enrollee to an  
33 alternative destination if the ambulance service is coordinating the care of  
34 the enrollee through telemedicine with a physician for a medical-based  
35 complaint or with a behavioral health specialist for a behavioral-based  
36 complaint; or



1                    ~~(2)~~(3) ~~An~~ Treat an enrollee in place if an encounter between an  
2 ambulance service and enrollee ~~that~~ results in no transport of the enrollee  
3 ~~if~~ when:

4                    (A) The enrollee declines to be transported against  
5 medical advice; and

6                    (B) The ambulance service is coordinating the care of the  
7 enrollee through telemedicine with a physician for a medical-based complaint  
8 or with a behavioral health specialist for a behavioral-based complaint.

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10                    /s/L. Johnson

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