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2 95th General Assembly

# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1171

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6 *By: Senator Irvin*

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEDICAID PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED  
10 CARE ACT; TO AUTHORIZE AN ABBREVIATED INDEPENDENT  
11 ASSESSMENT FOR CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES ENROLLED IN A  
12 RISK-BASED PROVIDER ORGANIZATION; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 27, is  
26 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 20-77-2709. Independent assessments for home- and community-based  
28 services.

29 (a) The Department of Human Services shall implement an abbreviated  
30 independent assessment process for beneficiaries who have been previously  
31 approved for services through an independent assessment, including without  
32 limitation a desk review, for beneficiaries who have chronic, long-term  
33 conditions and receive services through enrollment in a risk-based provider  
34 organization.

35 (b) The department shall apply for any federal waiver, Medicaid state  
36 plan amendment, or other authorization necessary to implement this section.



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