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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1585

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FROM LICENSURE AS A
HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICE TO AN ENTITY THAT SOLELY
PROVIDES THERAPY SERVICES THAT ARE NOT REIMBURSED BY
MEDICARE PART A; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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AS A HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICE TO AN
ENTITY THAT SOLELY PROVIDES THERAPY
SERVICES THAT ARE NOT REIMBURSED BY
MEDICARE PART A.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-10-802 is amended to read as follows:
20-10-802. Exceptions from licensing requirements.

The following persons are not required to be licensed under § 20-10-
807:

(1) A physician, dentist, registered nurse, or physical
therapist who is currently licensed under the laws of this state who provides
home health services only to a patient as a part of his or her private office
practice when the services are incidental to the office practice;

(2) The following healthcare professionals providing home
healthcare services as a sole practitioner:

- (A) A registered nurse;
- (B) A licensed vocational nurse;
- (C) A physical therapist;



1 (D) An occupational therapist;
 2 (E) A speech therapist;
 3 (F) A medical social worker; or
 4 (G) Any other healthcare professional as determined by the
 5 Department of Health;

6 (3) An entity that solely provides therapy services not
 7 reimbursed under Medicare Part A by healthcare professionals licensed under
 8 §§ 17-93-101 - 17-93-312, § 17-88-101 et seq., or §§ 17-100-102 - 17-100-308;

9 (4) A nonprofit registry operated by a national or state
 10 professional association or society of licensed healthcare practitioners, or
 11 a subdivision thereof, that operates solely as a clearinghouse to put
 12 consumers in contact with licensed healthcare practitioners who will give
 13 care in a patient's residence and that neither maintains the official patient
 14 records nor directs patient services;

15 ~~(4)(5)~~ An individual whose permanent residence is in the
 16 patient's residence;

17 ~~(5)(6)~~ An employee of a person holding a license under this
 18 subchapter who provides home healthcare services only as an employee of the
 19 licensed person and who receives no benefit for providing home healthcare
 20 services other than wages from the employer;

21 ~~(6)(7)~~ A home, nursing home, convalescent home, or other
 22 institution for individuals with disabilities or individuals who are elderly
 23 that provides health services only to residents of the home or institution;

24 ~~(7)(8)~~ A person who provides one (1) health service through a
 25 contract with a person licensed;

26 ~~(8)(9)~~ A durable medical equipment supply company;

27 ~~(9)(10)~~ A pharmacy or wholesale medical supply company that
 28 furnishes those services that relate to drugs and supplies to persons in
 29 their homes;

30 ~~(10)(11)~~ A hospital or other licensed healthcare facility
 31 serving only inpatient residents;

32 ~~(11)(12)~~ A visiting nurse service or home aide service
 33 constructed by and for the adherents of a religious denomination for the
 34 purpose of providing services for those who depend upon spiritual means
 35 through prayer alone for healing; and

36 ~~(12)(13)~~ Persons providing services to one (1) or more

1 individuals with intellectual or other developmental disabilities, as defined
2 in § 20-48-101, under a license or certificate from the Division of
3 Developmental Disabilities Services.
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