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2 95th General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1288

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5 By: Representative L. Johnson

6 *By: Senator Irvin*

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE CONSUMER
10 ACT; TO REQUIRE A HEALTHCARE INSURER TO MAKE CERTAIN
11 RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS TO A PROVIDER UPON CREDENTIALING
12 OF A PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-411(a)(6), concerning the payment
25 responsibility of a healthcare insurer to a participating provider, is
26 amended to read as follows:

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(6)(A)(i) ~~For~~ Except as provided in subdivision (a)(6)(B) of this section, for payment purposes, a healthcare insurer shall treat an applicant physician as a participating physician from the date of submission of a substantially completed application once an applicant physician has been approved through an insurer's credentialing process.

(ii) As used in subdivision (a)(6)(A)(i) of this section, "date of submission of a substantially completed application" means the date a healthcare insurer receives an applicant physician's credentialling information, as defined under § 17-95-107, from the Centralized Credentials Verification Service of the Arkansas State Medical



1 Board.

2 (B) Subdivision (a)(6)(A) of this section does not apply
3 to the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

4 /s/L. Johnson

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