

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
89th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2013  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 498**

TO ALLOW THE MEDICAL BOARD TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO CREDENTIALING  
ORGANIZATIONS FOR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 498**

Amend Senate Bill No. 498 as originally introduced:

Page 5, line 30, add the following

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-95-107(b)(7), concerning fees charged by physician credentialing organizations, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(7)(A) The board may charge credentialing organizations a reasonable fee for the use of the credentialing service as established by rule and regulation.

(B) The fee shall be set in consultation with the advisory committee and shall be set at such a rate as will reimburse the board, when added to the credentialing assessments collected from physicians, for the cost of maintaining the credentialing information system.

(C) A credentialing organization shall not charge or seek payment of the fee from a physician licensee.

~~(C)(D)~~ The board's costs may not exceed the fees charged by private vendors with a comparable statewide credentialing service.

~~(D)(E)~~ The board may assess each physician licensee an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per year to offset the cost of providing the credentialing service."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator Bledsoe

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Secretary