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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1847

TO PROHIBIT A HEALTH CARRIER FROM DENYING COVERAGE FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES DUE
TO AN INJURY SUSTAINED BY AN INSURED WHILE THE INSURED IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF
ALCOHOL OR A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1847

Amend House Bill No. 1847 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 85, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23-85-140. Denial of coverage for healthcare services resulting from injury sustained while under influence of alcohol or drugs prohibited.

(a) As used in this section, "elevated blood alcohol content" means a ratio of alcohol in the blood of a person that is eight-hundredths of one percent (0.08%) or more of alcohol, by weight.

(b) A health carrier shall not deny coverage under an insurance policy that is delivered, issued, amended, renewed, or continued in this state for healthcare services to an insured to treat any injury sustained by an insured while the injury occurred when an insured:

(1) Has an elevated blood alcohol content; or

(2) Is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug,

or both."



The Amendment was read _____
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