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# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

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6 By: Representative Pilkington

7 Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO  
11 MAKE PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS FOR  
12 PREGNANT WOMEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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15 TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID  
16 PROGRAM TO MAKE PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY  
17 DETERMINATIONS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

25 20-77-154. Presumptive eligibility for pregnant women.

26 (a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall make presumptive eligibility  
27 determinations for pregnant women who are applying for the program to improve  
28 access to prenatal care and allow prenatal care to be delivered immediately  
29 while waiting for a full application to be processed.

30 (b) The program may designate one (1) or more qualified entities to  
31 screen for eligibility and immediately enroll pregnant women into the  
32 program.

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35 Referred by Representative Pilkington

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