EXHIBIT C2

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative L. Johnson

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

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS OF THE STATE HOSPICE OFFICE TO SPECIFY THAT CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS MAY SERVE AS DESIGNATED ATTENDING PHYSICIANS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS OF THE STATE HOSPICE OFFICE TO SPECIFY THAT CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS MAY SERVE AS DESIGNATED ATTENDING PHYSICIANS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-117(b)(1)(B), concerning the duties of the State Hospice Office, is amended to read as follows:

(B)(i) Implement rules, regulations, and standards for hospice care in general agreement with guidelines of the ~~National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization~~ National Alliance for Care at Home and the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of Arkansas, Inc. and in compliance with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

(ii) The rules, regulations, and standards under

subdivision (b)(l)(B)(i) of this section shall specify that a certified nurse practitioner or a physician assistant may serve as a patient's designated attending physician;

Referred by Representative L. Johnson
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