

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

1 State of Arkansas  
2 83rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2001  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2161

5 By: Representatives Teague, French, Jackson, Bolin  
6 By: Senator Fitch  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE MATCH FOR A  
11 REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASE FOR MEDICAID IN-HOME CARE  
12 SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES -  
13 DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD  
14 ENDING JUNE 30, 2003; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

18 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
19 SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES  
20 - MEDICAID IN-HOME CARE SERVICES  
21 REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASE  
22 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2001-2003  
23 BIENNIAL PERIOD.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - STATE MATCHING FUNDS - MEDICAID IN-HOME CARE.  
29 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division  
30 of Medical Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its  
31 successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

32 (A) For state matching funds for an increase in the reimbursement rate for  
33 Medicaid In-Home Care services from \$12.36 per hour to \$13.85 per hour to  
34 give low wage in-home service workers a wage increase, for each fiscal year  
35 of the biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the sum of .....\$2,500,000.  
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1 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
 2 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
 3 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
 4 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
 5 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
 6 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
 7 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
 8 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
 9 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
 10 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
 11 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
 12 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

13 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
 14 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
 15 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
 16 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
 17 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
 18 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.  
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20 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
 21 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
 22 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
 23 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
 24 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
 25 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
 26 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
 27 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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29 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 30 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 31 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
 32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2001 is essential to the operation of  
 33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 34 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
 35 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2001 could work irreparable harm upon the  
 36 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.

1 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
2 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
3 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2001.

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