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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1926

5 By: Representative Hammer  
6 By: Senator Rapert  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATE  
10 FOR CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO INCREASE THE INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT  
16 RATE FOR CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 63, Subchapter 1, is*  
22 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

23 *23-63-116. Certified nurse practitioner reimbursement.*

24 *(a) A certified nurse practitioner shall be paid or reimbursed by*  
25 *a health benefit plan to the same extent as a physician for performing a*  
26 *healthcare service.*

27 *(b) The Arkansas Medicaid Program and all health benefit plans issued*  
28 *and renewed in this state shall reimburse a certified nurse practitioner at*  
29 *one hundred percent (100%) of the physician reimbursement rate for all out-*  
30 *of-pocket costs, including without limitation laboratory tests, X rays, and*  
31 *any test ordered and performed.*

32 *(c)(1) As used in this section, "health benefit plan" means an*  
33 *individual, blanket, or group plan, policy, or contract for healthcare*  
34 *services issued or delivered by a healthcare insurer in this state.*

35 *(2) As used in this section, "health benefit plan" includes:*

36 *(A) Indemnity and managed care plans; and*



1                                    (B) Governmental plans as defined in 29 U.S.C. § 1002(32),  
2 as it existed on January 1, 2015.

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