

1 State of Arkansas  
2 91st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2017  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1465

5 By: Representative Miller  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO STOP ENROLLMENT IN THE MEDICAID EXPANSION  
9 PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
10 TO FILE ALL NECESSARY STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS OR  
11 WAIVERS TO STOP ENROLLMENT; TO CREATE THE MEDICAID  
12 EXPANSION ENROLLMENT FREEZE ACT OF 2017; TO DECLARE  
13 AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 TO CREATE THE MEDICAID EXPANSION  
17 ENROLLMENT FREEZE ACT OF 2017; AND TO  
18 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

25 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Medicaid Expansion  
26 Enrollment Freeze Act of 2017".  
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28 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Stop enrollment in the Medicaid Expansion  
29 Program – Require submittal of state plan amendments or waivers.

30 (a) On and after July 1, 2017, the Department of Human Services shall  
31 not approve new enrollment for individuals eligible for Medicaid under  
32 section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §  
33 1396a, as existing on January 1, 2017.

34 (b) The department may renew enrollment for individuals currently  
35 enrolled in Medicaid under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social  
36 Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a, if such individuals meet and have



1 continuously met all eligibility requirements and the Federal Medical  
 2 Assistance Percentage for the enrollees does not drop below the percentages  
 3 established by section 1905(y) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396d,  
 4 as existing on January 1, 2017.

5 (c) The department shall amend the Medicaid State Plan and file any  
 6 and all necessary waivers with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
 7 to implement this act.

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 9 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
 10 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that new enrollment in the Medicaid  
 11 Expansion Program should be stopped as soon as reasonably possible; that the  
 12 Medicaid Expansion Program has grown to an unsustainable level and stopping  
 13 enrollment is necessary to ensure the solvency of the program going forward;  
 14 and that this act is immediately necessary to assist the Department of Human  
 15 Services to efficiently conduct its duties under this act. Therefore, an  
 16 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for  
 17 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become  
 18 effective on:

19 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

20 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
 21 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
 22 bill; or

23 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
 24 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.