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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1055

5 By: Representatives J. Mayberry, Rye, Breaux, Springer  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH COVERAGE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT  
10 TO SLOW THE PROGRESSION OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR  
11 OTHER DEMENTIA-RELATED DISEASE UNDER THE STATE AND  
12 PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR OTHER DEMENTIA-  
19 RELATED DISEASE UNDER THE STATE AND  
20 PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE  
21 PROGRAM.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4, is amended  
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 21-5-425. Coverage for diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease  
29 or other dementia-related disease – Legislative findings and intent – Rules.

30 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

31 (1) Alzheimer's disease is the seventh leading cause of death in  
32 Arkansas according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

33 (2) The cost of managing the complications of late-stage  
34 Alzheimer's disease, largely due to delayed diagnosis and access to  
35 treatment, outweighs the cost of expeditious and effective treatment;

36 (3) The diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease or other



1 dementia-related disease should be a clinical decision made by a physician  
2 based on evidence-based guidelines; and

3 (4) The United States Food and Drug Administration has granted  
4 approval for treatments of patients in the early stages of Alzheimer's  
5 disease.

6 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide coverage for  
7 the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia-related  
8 disease.

9 (c) Each state employee's and public school employee's health benefit  
10 plan under the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program that  
11 is offered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026, shall offer  
12 coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease or other  
13 dementia-related disease as determined by a physician licensed to practice  
14 medicine in this state and according to the standards or guidance established  
15 by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

16 (d) The coverage and treatment of Alzheimer's disease or other  
17 dementia-related disease offered under subsection (c) of this section shall:

18 (1) Be a treatment or medication that has been approved by the  
19 United States Food and Drug Administration to treat or slow the progression  
20 of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia-related disease;

21 (2) Include without limitation:

22 (A) Any diagnostic testing that is necessary for a  
23 physician to determine the appropriate use of treatments and medications  
24 under subdivision (d)(1) of this section; and

25 (B) All treatments or medications prescribed to slow the  
26 progression of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia-related disease; and

27 (3) Not be subject to step therapy protocols.

28 (e) The State Board of Finance may promulgate rules to implement this  
29 section.

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31 /s/J. Mayberry  
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