1 State of Arkansas

2 95th General Assembly

A Bill

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5 By: Representative L. Johnson

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TRIAGE, TREAT, AND

10   TRANSPORT TO ALTERNATIVE DESTINATION ACT; AND FOR

11   OTHER PURPOSES.

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15   TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TRIAGE, TREAT, AND

16   TRANSPORT TO ALTERNATIVE DESTINATION

17   ACT.

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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 § 23-79-2703(a), concerning coverage for an

22 ambulance service under the Arkansas Triage, Treat, and Transport to

23 Alternative Destination Act, is amended to read as follows:

24   (a) ~~On and after January 1, 2024, a~~ A healthcare insurer that offers,

25 issues, or renews a health benefit plan in this state shall provide coverage

26 for <u>an ambulance service to</u>:

27   (1) ~~An ambulance service to:~~

28   ~~(A)~~ Treat an enrollee in place if the ambulance service is

29 coordinating the care of the enrollee through telemedicine with a physician

30 for a medical-based complaint or with a behavioral health specialist for a

31 behavioral-based complaint; ~~or~~

32   ~~(B)~~<u>(2)</u> Triage or triage and transport an enrollee to an

33 alternative destination if the ambulance service is coordinating the care of

34 the enrollee through telemedicine with a physician for a medical-based

35 complaint or with a behavioral health specialist for a behavioral-based

36 complaint; or

1   (2)(3) An Treat an enrollee in place if an encounter between an

2   ambulance service and enrollee that results in no transport of the enrollee

3   if when:

4   (A)   The enrollee declines to be transported against

5   medical advice; and

6   (B)   The ambulance service is coordinating the care of the

7   enrollee through telemedicine with a physician for a medical-based complaint

8   or with a behavioral health specialist for a behavioral-based complaint.

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