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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1288

5 By: Representative L. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE CONSUMER
10 ACT; TO REQUIRE A HEALTHCARE INSURER TO MAKE CERTAIN
11 RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS TO A PROVIDER UPON CREDENTIALING
12 OF A PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE
16 CONSUMER ACT; AND TO REQUIRE A
17 HEALTHCARE INSURER TO MAKE CERTAIN
18 RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS TO A PROVIDER UPON
19 CREDENTIALING OF A PROVIDER.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-411(a)(6), concerning the payment
25 responsibility of a healthcare insurer to a participating provider, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (6)(A) For Except as provided in subdivision (a)(6)(B) of this
28 section, for payment purposes, a healthcare insurer shall treat ~~an applicant~~
29 a physician as a participating physician from the date ~~of submission of a~~
30 ~~completed application once an applicant~~ the physician has been approved
31 through an insurer's credentialing process, including retroactively to the
32 date the physician had been able to sign under his or her Medicare number for
33 the provider.

34 (B) Subdivision (a)(6)(A) of this section does not apply
35 to the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

36 /s/L. Johnson

