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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

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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:

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

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

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/s/L. Johnson

