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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE CONSUMER

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ACT; TO REQUIRE A HEALTHCARE INSURER TO MAKE CERTAIN

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RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS TO A PROVIDER UPON CREDENTIALING

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OF A PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-411(a)(6), concerning the payment

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responsibility of a healthcare insurer to a participating provider, is

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amended to read as follows:

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(6)(A) ~~For~~ Except as provided in subdivision (a)(6)(B) of this

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section, for payment purposes, a healthcare insurer shall treat an applicant

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physician as a participating physician from the date of submission of a

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substantially completed application once an applicant physician has been

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approved through an insurer's credentialing process.

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(B) Subdivision (a)(6)(A) of this section does not apply

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to the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

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/s/L. Johnson

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