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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1288

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

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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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16 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE
17 CONSUMER ACT; AND TO REQUIRE A
18 HEALTHCARE INSURER TO MAKE CERTAIN
19 RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS TO A PROVIDER UPON
20 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) For payment purposes, a healthcare insurer shall treat ~~an~~
28 ~~applicant~~ a physician as a participating physician from the date ~~of~~
29 ~~submission of a completed application once an applicant~~ the physician has
30 been approved through an insurer's credentialing process, including
31 retroactively to the date the physician had been able to sign under his or
32 her Medicare number for the provider.
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