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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1585

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FROM LICENSURE AS A  
10 HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICE TO AN ENTITY THAT SOLELY  
11 PROVIDES THERAPY SERVICES THAT ARE NOT REIMBURSED BY  
12 MEDICARE PART A; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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17 AS A HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICE TO AN  
18 ENTITY THAT SOLELY PROVIDES THERAPY  
19 SERVICES THAT ARE NOT REIMBURSED BY  
20 MEDICARE PART A.  
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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 § 20-10-802 is amended to read as follows:  
25 20-10-802. Exceptions from licensing requirements.

26 The following persons are not required to be licensed under § 20-10-  
27 807:

28 (1) A physician, dentist, registered nurse, or physical  
29 therapist who is currently licensed under the laws of this state who provides  
30 home health services only to a patient as a part of his or her private office  
31 practice when the services are incidental to the office practice;

32 (2) The following healthcare professionals providing home  
33 healthcare services as a sole practitioner:

- 34 (A) A registered nurse;  
35 (B) A licensed vocational nurse;  
36 (C) A physical therapist;



- 1 (D) An occupational therapist;
- 2 (E) A speech therapist;
- 3 (F) A medical social worker; or
- 4 (G) Any other healthcare professional as determined by the
- 5 Department of Health;

6 (3) An entity that solely provides therapy services not  
 7 reimbursed under Medicare Part A by healthcare professionals licensed under  
 8 §§ 17-93-101 - 17-93-312, § 17-88-101 et seq., or §§ 17-100-102 - 17-100-308;

9 (4) A nonprofit registry operated by a national or state  
 10 professional association or society of licensed healthcare practitioners, or  
 11 a subdivision thereof, that operates solely as a clearinghouse to put  
 12 consumers in contact with licensed healthcare practitioners who will give  
 13 care in a patient's residence and that neither maintains the official patient  
 14 records nor directs patient services;

15 ~~(4)~~(5) An individual whose permanent residence is in the  
 16 patient's residence;

17 ~~(5)~~(6) An employee of a person holding a license under this  
 18 subchapter who provides home healthcare services only as an employee of the  
 19 licensed person and who receives no benefit for providing home healthcare  
 20 services other than wages from the employer;

21 ~~(6)~~(7) A home, nursing home, convalescent home, or other  
 22 institution for individuals with disabilities or individuals who are elderly  
 23 that provides health services only to residents of the home or institution;

24 ~~(7)~~(8) A person who provides one (1) health service through a  
 25 contract with a person licensed;

26 ~~(8)~~(9) A durable medical equipment supply company;

27 ~~(9)~~(10) A pharmacy or wholesale medical supply company that  
 28 furnishes those services that relate to drugs and supplies to persons in  
 29 their homes;

30 ~~(10)~~(11) A hospital or other licensed healthcare facility  
 31 serving only inpatient residents;

32 ~~(11)~~(12) A visiting nurse service or home aide service  
 33 constructed by and for the adherents of a religious denomination for the  
 34 purpose of providing services for those who depend upon spiritual means  
 35 through prayer alone for healing; and

36 ~~(12)~~(13) Persons providing services to one (1) or more

1 individuals with intellectual or other developmental disabilities, as defined  
2 in § 20-48-101, under a license or certificate from the Division of  
3 Developmental Disabilities Services.

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