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A Bill

SENATE BILL 100

5 By: Senator C. Penzo
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO
10 RECOGNIZE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS A PRIMARY CARE
11 PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID
16 PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE A PHYSICIAN
17 ASSISTANT AS A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 20-77-154. Primary care provider for Arkansas Medicaid Program –
24 Physician assistant.

25 (a) If authorized by a physician assistant’s supervising physician,
26 the Arkansas Medicaid Program shall recognize a physician assistant licensed
27 by the Arkansas State Medical Board as a primary care provider authorized to
28 carry out the following duties of a primary care case manager:

29 (1) Being recognized and serving as the initial healthcare
30 provider in the program; and

31 (2) Treating a patient within the scope of practice and
32 licensure of a physician assistant under § 17-105-107.

33 (b) The program shall reimburse a physician assistant:

34 (1) Not less than the current reimbursement rate for services
35 performed within the scope of practice and licensure of the physician
36 assistant; and



1 (2) One hundred percent (100%) of the physician reimbursement
 2 rate for all out-of-pocket costs incurred by the physician assistant such as
 3 the costs of laboratory tests, X-rays, and any additional tests ordered or
 4 conducted by the physician assistant.

5 (c) A healthcare insurance policy in which the premiums are paid
 6 directly or indirectly by the program also shall recognize and reimburse a
 7 physician assistant under subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

8 (d) This section does not increase the scope of practice or licensure
 9 of a physician assistant.

10 (e) When initially applying to the program to be recognized as a
 11 primary care provider and case manager under this section, a physician
 12 assistant shall provide a written authorization that is signed and dated by
 13 his or her supervising physician.

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