

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 77

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5 By: Senator M. Johnson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO  
10 REIMBURSE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY PROVIDED IN A CLINIC-  
11 BASED SETTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM  
16 TO REIMBURSE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY  
17 PROVIDED IN A CLINIC-BASED SETTING.  
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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. Physical therapy in clinic-based setting – Findings.

24 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

25 (1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program covers physical therapy to  
26 help beneficiaries improve their movement and physical function, manage pain  
27 and other chronic conditions, and recover from or prevent injury and chronic  
28 disease;

29 (2) However, the program reimburses for physical therapy only in  
30 a hospital-based setting;

31 (3) Research has found that access to rehabilitative physical  
32 therapy in clinic-based settings leads to lower total costs of care over  
33 time, decreases the need for surgical interventions, and reduces the need for  
34 long-term use of opioids and other pain medications; and

35 (4) Expanding coverage for rehabilitative physical therapy in  
36 clinic-based settings under the program would result in cost savings to the



1 program.

2 (b) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for physical therapy  
3 provided in a clinic-based setting.

4 (c) The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal  
5 waiver, Medicaid state plan amendment, or other authority necessary to  
6 implement this section.

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