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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1177

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

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
9 PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN EMERGENCY
10 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS TO A PATIENT WHO HAS A
11 SPECIFIC HEALTH CONDITION; TO ALLOW PARTICIPATION IN
12 CARE COORDINATION BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; TO
13 ENSURE APPROPRIATE TRANSPORT OF A PATIENT WHO HAS A
14 SPECIFIC HEALTH CONDITION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN EMERGENCY
20 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS TO A PATIENT WHO
21 HAS A SPECIFIC HEALTH CONDITION.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-13-202, concerning the definitions under
27 the Emergency Medical Services Act, is amended to add additional subdivisions
28 to read as follows:

29 (11)(A) "Care coordination" means the coordination of healthcare
30 services in nonemergency situations or in situations that do not require
31 immediate action by healthcare professional teams to assist a patient in the
32 management of his or her health care and to improve the efficiency and
33 effectiveness of the healthcare sector.

34 (B) "Care coordination" includes without limitation:

35 (i) Developing potential treatment plans;

36 (ii) Determining the optimal treatment for a patient



1 before considering hospitalization; and

2 (iii) Establishing alternative approaches and
3 treatment for a patient; and

4 (12)(A) "Specific health condition" means a health condition
5 that requires specialized healthcare treatment.

6 (B) "Specific health condition" includes without
7 limitation:

8 (i) A health condition that is listed as rare by the
9 National Institutes of Health; and

10 (ii) A health condition that could be fatal for
11 which a patient seeks specialized health care.

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13 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 13, Subchapter 2, is
14 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15 20-13-216. Specific health condition.

16 (a) Emergency medical services personnel may administer prescription
17 medications that are:

18 (1) Carried by a patient;

19 (2) Administered via routes of delivery that are within the
20 scope of training for emergency medical services personnel;

21 (3) Intended to treat a specific health condition; and

22 (4) Not listed on the drug formulary set out by the Department
23 of Health.

24 (b) A patient who is diagnosed with a specific health condition may
25 request to be transported to an alternative destination facility that is
26 farther away than the nearest facility if:

27 (1) The alternative destination facility better meets the needs
28 of the patient because:

29 (A) The patient's physician and medical records are at the
30 alternative destination facility;

31 (B) The patient has recently been discharged from the
32 alternative destination facility;

33 (C) The patient has had previous hospitalizations at the
34 alternative destination facility; and

35 (D) The patient's complex medical history is followed at
36 the alternative destination facility; and

1 (2) The request is approved by the local emergency medical
2 services entity, which may include or be an emergency medical services board
3 established under § 14-266-105(a)(3).

4 (c) The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council shall establish
5 standards for:

6 (1) Emergency medical services personnel to communicate with
7 patients and caregivers of patients who are diagnosed with a specific health
8 condition about:

9 (A) The patient's specific health condition;

10 (B) The likelihood that the patient will need emergency
11 medical services; and

12 (C) The collaborative development of emergency medical
13 service care plans to meet the patient's needs; and

14 (2) Local emergency medical services entities, which may include
15 or be emergency medical services boards established under § 14-266-105(a)(3),
16 to participate in care coordination for patients who are diagnosed with a
17 specific health condition.

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19 /s/L. Johnson

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