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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1736

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS TO
9 A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A
10 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN
15 WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A PRIMARY CARE
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 20-77-131. Direct access to chiropractic physicians.

25 (a) On or before January 1, 2016, the Department of Human Services
26 shall adopt rules to allow a Medicaid recipient direct access to a
27 chiropractic physician.

28 (b) Rules adopted under this section shall:

29 (1) Allow a Medicaid recipient to receive diagnosis and
30 treatment from a chiropractic physician without a referral from a primary
31 care physician;

32 (2) Direct the Division of Medical Services of the Department of
33 Human Services to develop a process for reporting diagnosis, treatment, costs
34 of services, and cost-savings benefits under this section; and

35 (3) Specify that a chiropractic physician who provides diagnosis
36 or treatment, or both, under this section shall receive the same



1 reimbursement as if the Medicaid recipient had been referred to the
2 chiropractic physician by a primary care physician.

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