1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H3/16/17*

2 91st General Assembly ## A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2017 HOUSE BILL 1843

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5 By: Representative Petty

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7 ## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS;

9 CONCERNING THE CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS REVOLVING

10 FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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13 ## Subtitle

14 CONCERNING CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS; AND

15 CONCERNING THE CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS

16 REVOLVING FUND.

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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 16, Chapter 90, Subchapter 7, is

22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 16-90-720. Payment for heathcare service — Schedule established —

24 Third-party vendor authorized.

25 (a) The Crime Victims Reparations Board shall award payment for a

26 healthcare service under this subchapter in the same manner as the medical

27 fee schedule established for workers' compensation claims under § 11-9-517.

28 (b)(1) The board, a claimant, or a victim is not liable for healthcare

29 service charges in excess of the medical fee schedule under subsection (a) of

30 this section.

31 (2) A healthcare provider shall accept payment from the board as

32 payment in full for healthcare service charges unless an investigation of the

33 healthcare service charges by the board determines that there is a reasonable

34 healthcare justification for a deviation from the medical fee schedule.

35 (c) The board may contract with a third-party vendor to process

36 payment for healthcare services under this subchapter.

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