

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 103 of the Regular Session

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1 State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S2/3/25

2 95th General Assembly

# A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 77

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5 By: Senator M. Johnson

6 By: Representative J. Mayberry

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO

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REIMBURSE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY PROVIDED IN A CLINIC-

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BASED SETTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM

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TO REIMBURSE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY

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PROVIDED IN A CLINIC-BASED SETTING.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is

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amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

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20-77-154. Physical therapy in clinic-based setting – Findings.

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(a) The General Assembly finds that:

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(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program covers physical therapy to

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help beneficiaries improve their movement and physical function, manage pain

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and other chronic conditions, and recover from or prevent injury and chronic

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disease;

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(2) However, the program reimburses for physical therapy only in

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a hospital-based setting;

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(3) Research has found that access to rehabilitative physical

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therapy in clinic-based settings leads to lower total costs of care over

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time, decreases the need for surgical interventions, and reduces the need for

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long-term use of opioids and other pain medications; and

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(4) Expanding coverage for rehabilitative physical therapy in

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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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*/s/M. Johnson*

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