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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 472

5 By: Senator Maloch  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A HEALTH INSURER TO CONTRACT WITH A  
9 LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROVIDER IF THE HEALTHCARE  
10 PROVIDER IS PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEDICARE,  
11 MEDICAID, OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN;  
12 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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16 WITH A LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROVIDER IF  
17 THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER IS PERMITTED TO  
18 PARTICIPATE IN MEDICARE, MEDICAID, OR ANY  
19 OTHER FEDERAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN; AND TO  
20 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
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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 Title 23, Chapter 99, Subchapter 8, is  
27 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 23-99-804. Health insurer - Healthcare provider contracts.

29 (a) A healthcare provider, including without limitation a physician,  
30 nurse, pharmacist, dentist, physical therapist, physician assistant, or any  
31 other healthcare provider licensed and in good standing with the state  
32 licensing board responsible for the licensing of the healthcare provider,  
33 shall not be excluded from contracting with a health insurer, third-party  
34 administrator, pharmacy benefits manager, or other entity that is subject to  
35 § 23-99-802, if the healthcare provider is permitted to participate in  
36 Medicare, Medicaid, or any other federal health benefit plan.



