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To: Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 976

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-86-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
 2 PROVIDE THAT CHILDREN WHOSE FAMILY INCOMES DO NOT EXCEED 200% OF  
 3 THE POVERTY LEVEL WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE  
 4 PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 41-86-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
 7 amended as follows:

8 41-86-5. (1) As used in Sections 41-86-5 through 41-86-17,  
 9 the following definitions shall have the meanings ascribed in this  
 10 section, unless the context indicates otherwise:

11 (a) "Act" means the Mississippi Children's Health Care  
 12 Act.

13 (b) "Administering agency" means the agency designated  
 14 by the Mississippi Children's Health Insurance Program Commission  
 15 to administer the program.

16 (c) "Board" means the State and Public School Employees  
 17 Health Insurance Management Board created under Section 25-15-303.

18 (d) "Child" means an individual who is under nineteen  
 19 (19) years of age who is not eligible for Medicaid benefits and is  
 20 not covered by other health insurance.

21 (e) "Commission" means the Mississippi Children's  
 22 Health Insurance Program Commission created by Section 41-86-7.

23 (f) "Covered benefits" means the types of health care  
 24 benefits and services provided to eligible recipients  
 25 under the Children's Health Care Program.

26 (g) "Division" means the Division of Medicaid in the

27 Office of the Governor.

28 (h) "Low-income child" means a child whose family  
29 income does not exceed two hundred percent (200%) of the poverty  
30 level for a family of the size involved.

31 (i) "Plan" means the State Child Health Plan.

32 (j) "Program" means the Children's Health Care Program  
33 established by Sections 41-86-5 through 41-86-17.

34 (k) "Recipient" means a person who is eligible for  
35 assistance under the program.

36 (l) "State Child Health Plan" means the permanent plan  
37 that sets forth the manner and means by which the State of  
38 Mississippi will provide health care assistance to eligible  
39 uninsured, low-income children consistent with the provisions of  
40 Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act, as amended.

41 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
42 and after July 1, 1999.