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To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 50

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH
2 INSURANCE POLICIES AND PLANS TO OFFER COVERAGE FOR MEDICALLY
3 NECESSARY FORMULAS FOR THE TREATMENT OF INHERITED DISEASES OF
4 AMINO ACID, ORGANIC ACID, CARBOHYDRATE OR FAT METABOLISM, AND
5 MALABSORPTION ORIGINATING FROM CONGENITAL DEFECTS; TO PROVIDE THAT
6 COVERAGE FOR INHERITED DISEASES OF AMINO ACIDS AND ORGANIC ACIDS
7 SHALL INCLUDE FOOD PRODUCTS MODIFIED TO BE LOW PROTEIN; TO PROVIDE
8 THAT THIS ACT APPLIES NOTWITHSTANDING THE EXISTENCE OF ANY
9 PREEXISTING CONDITION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 SECTION 1. (1) Each individual or group health insurance
12 policy, contract, certificate or plan, pooled risk health
13 insurance policy or plan, or any type of managed or capitated
14 health care plan or policy that is regulated by the State of
15 Mississippi, which is issued, issued for delivery, renewed,
16 continued or executed in this state after June 30, 2000, shall
17 make available as part of the application, coverage for
18 prescription and nonprescription enteral formulas for home use
19 that are prescribed by a physician as medically necessary for the
20 treatment of inherited diseases of amino acid, organic acid,
21 carbohydrate or fat metabolism, as well as malabsorption
22 originating from congenital defects present at birth or acquired
23 during the neonatal period. Coverage for inherited diseases of
24 amino acids and organic acids shall include food products modified

25 to be low protein.

26 (2) This section applies to any person or family
27 notwithstanding the existence of any preexisting condition.

28 (3) This section does not apply to policies, contracts or
29 plans that provide coverage only for accidents or specified
30 diseases.

31 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2000.