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To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 651

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE  
3 MANAGEMENT BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE DIRECTION OF BENEFIT  
4 PAYMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 25-15-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 25-15-17. Any benefits payable under the plan may be made  
9 either directly to the attending physicians, hospitals, medical  
10 groups, or others furnishing the services upon which a claim is  
11 based, or to the covered employee, upon presentation of valid  
12 bills for such services, subject to such provisions to facilitate  
13 payment as may be made by the board. \* \* \*

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