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To: Public Health and
Welfare;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2847
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT TO HOSPITALS FOR AN
3 IMPLANTABLE PROGRAMMABLE PUMP INPATIENT PROCEDURE; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 43-13-117, Mississippi Code of 1972, as
7 amended by Senate Bill No. 2143, 1999 Regular Session, which
8 became law after veto by approval of the Legislature during the
9 2000 Regular Session, is amended as follows:[MS1]

10 43-13-117. Medical assistance as authorized by this article
11 shall include payment of part or all of the costs, at the
12 discretion of the division or its successor, with approval of the
13 Governor, of the following types of care and services rendered to
14 eligible applicants who shall have been determined to be eligible
15 for such care and services, within the limits of state
16 appropriations and federal matching funds:

17 (1) Inpatient hospital services.

18 (a) The division shall allow thirty (30) days of
19 inpatient hospital care annually for all Medicaid recipients. The
20 division shall be authorized to allow unlimited days in
21 disproportionate hospitals as defined by the division for eligible
22 infants under the age of six (6) years.

23 (b) From and after July 1, 1994, the Executive Director
24 of the Division of Medicaid shall amend the Mississippi Title XIX
25 Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement Plan to remove the occupancy rate
26 penalty from the calculation of the Medicaid Capital Cost
27 Component utilized to determine total hospital costs allocated to

28 the Medicaid program.

29 (c) Hospitals will receive an additional payment for
30 the implantable programmable pump for approved spasticity patients
31 implanted in an inpatient setting, to be determined by the
32 Division of Medicaid and approved by the Medical Advisory
33 Committee. The payment pursuant to written invoice will be in
34 addition to the facility's per diem reimbursement and will
35 represent a reduction of costs on the facility's annual cost
36 report, and shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per
37 year per recipient. The drug used in the pump will be
38 reimbursable at ninety-five percent (95%) AWP to physicians or at
39 the facility's outpatient rate. * * *

40 (2) Outpatient hospital services. Provided that where the
41 same services are reimbursed as clinic services, the division may
42 revise the rate or methodology of outpatient reimbursement to
43 maintain consistency, efficiency, economy and quality of care.
44 The division shall develop a Medicaid-specific cost-to-charge
45 ratio calculation from data provided by hospitals to determine an
46 allowable rate payment for outpatient hospital services, and shall
47 submit a report thereon to the Medical Advisory Committee on or
48 before December 1, 1999. The committee shall make a
49 recommendation on the specific cost-to-charge reimbursement method
50 for outpatient hospital services to the 2000 Regular Session of
51 the Legislature.

52 (3) Laboratory and x-ray services.

53 (4) Nursing facility services.

54 (a) The division shall make full payment to nursing
55 facilities for each day, not exceeding fifty-two (52) days per
56 year, that a patient is absent from the facility on home leave.
57 Payment may be made for the following home leave days in addition
58 to the fifty-two-day limitation: Christmas, the day before
59 Christmas, the day after Christmas, Thanksgiving, the day before
60 Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving. However, before
61 payment may be made for more than eighteen (18) home leave days in
62 a year for a patient, the patient must have written authorization
63 from a physician stating that the patient is physically and
64 mentally able to be away from the facility on home leave. Such

65 authorization must be filed with the division before it will be
66 effective and the authorization shall be effective for three (3)
67 months from the date it is received by the division, unless it is
68 revoked earlier by the physician because of a change in the
69 condition of the patient.

70 (b) From and after July 1, 1997, the division shall
71 implement the integrated case-mix payment and quality monitoring
72 system, which includes the fair rental system for property costs
73 and in which recapture of depreciation is eliminated. The
74 division may reduce the payment for hospital leave and therapeutic
75 home leave days to the lower of the case-mix category as computed
76 for the resident on leave using the assessment being utilized for
77 payment at that point in time, or a case-mix score of 1.000 for
78 nursing facilities, and shall compute case-mix scores of residents
79 so that only services provided at the nursing facility are
80 considered in calculating a facility's per diem. The division is
81 authorized to limit allowable management fees and home office
82 costs to either three percent (3%), five percent (5%) or seven
83 percent (7%) of other allowable costs, including allowable therapy
84 costs and property costs, based on the types of management
85 services provided, as follows:

86 A maximum of up to three percent (3%) shall be allowed where
87 centralized managerial and administrative services are provided by
88 the management company or home office.

89 A maximum of up to five percent (5%) shall be allowed where
90 centralized managerial and administrative services and limited
91 professional and consultant services are provided.

92 A maximum of up to seven percent (7%) shall be allowed where
93 a full spectrum of centralized managerial services, administrative
94 services, professional services and consultant services are
95 provided.

96 (c) From and after July 1, 1997, all state-owned
97 nursing facilities shall be reimbursed on a full reasonable cost

98 basis.

99 (d) When a facility of a category that does not require
100 a certificate of need for construction and that could not be
101 eligible for Medicaid reimbursement is constructed to nursing
102 facility specifications for licensure and certification, and the
103 facility is subsequently converted to a nursing facility pursuant
104 to a certificate of need that authorizes conversion only and the
105 applicant for the certificate of need was assessed an application
106 review fee based on capital expenditures incurred in constructing
107 the facility, the division shall allow reimbursement for capital
108 expenditures necessary for construction of the facility that were
109 incurred within the twenty-four (24) consecutive calendar months
110 immediately preceding the date that the certificate of need
111 authorizing such conversion was issued, to the same extent that
112 reimbursement would be allowed for construction of a new nursing
113 facility pursuant to a certificate of need that authorizes such
114 construction. The reimbursement authorized in this subparagraph
115 (d) may be made only to facilities the construction of which was
116 completed after June 30, 1989. Before the division shall be
117 authorized to make the reimbursement authorized in this
118 subparagraph (d), the division first must have received approval
119 from the Health Care Financing Administration of the United States
120 Department of Health and Human Services of the change in the state
121 Medicaid plan providing for such reimbursement.

122 (e) The division shall develop and implement a case-mix
123 payment add-on determined by time studies and other valid
124 statistical data which will reimburse a nursing facility for the
125 additional cost of caring for a resident who has a diagnosis of
126 Alzheimer's or other related dementia and exhibits symptoms that
127 require special care. Any such case-mix add-on payment shall be
128 supported by a determination of additional cost. The division
129 shall also develop and implement as part of the fair rental
130 reimbursement system for nursing facility beds, an Alzheimer's

131 resident bed depreciation enhanced reimbursement system which will
132 provide an incentive to encourage nursing facilities to convert or
133 construct beds for residents with Alzheimer's or other related
134 dementia.

135 (f) The Division of Medicaid shall develop and
136 implement a referral process for long-term care alternatives for
137 Medicaid beneficiaries and applicants. No Medicaid beneficiary
138 shall be admitted to a Medicaid-certified nursing facility unless
139 a licensed physician certifies that nursing facility care is
140 appropriate for that person on a standardized form to be prepared
141 and provided to nursing facilities by the Division of Medicaid.
142 The physician shall forward a copy of that certification to the
143 Division of Medicaid within twenty-four (24) hours after it is
144 signed by the physician. Any physician who fails to forward the
145 certification to the Division of Medicaid within the time period
146 specified in this paragraph shall be ineligible for Medicaid
147 reimbursement for any physician's services performed for the
148 applicant. The Division of Medicaid shall determine, through an
149 assessment of the applicant conducted within two (2) business days
150 after receipt of the physician's certification, whether the
151 applicant also could live appropriately and cost-effectively at
152 home or in some other community-based setting if home- or
153 community-based services were available to the applicant. The
154 time limitation prescribed in this paragraph shall be waived in
155 cases of emergency. If the Division of Medicaid determines that a
156 home- or other community-based setting is appropriate and
157 cost-effective, the division shall:

158 (i) Advise the applicant or the applicant's legal
159 representative that a home- or other community-based setting is
160 appropriate;

161 (ii) Provide a proposed care plan and inform the
162 applicant or the applicant's legal representative regarding the
163 degree to which the services in the care plan are available in a

164 home- or in other community-based setting rather than nursing
165 facility care; and

166 (iii) Explain that such plan and services are
167 available only if the applicant or the applicant's legal
168 representative chooses a home- or community-based alternative to
169 nursing facility care, and that the applicant is free to choose
170 nursing facility care.

171 The Division of Medicaid may provide the services described
172 in this paragraph (f) directly or through contract with case
173 managers from the local Area Agencies on Aging, and shall
174 coordinate long-term care alternatives to avoid duplication with
175 hospital discharge planning procedures.

176 Placement in a nursing facility may not be denied by the
177 division if home- or community-based services that would be more
178 appropriate than nursing facility care are not actually available,
179 or if the applicant chooses not to receive the appropriate home-
180 or community-based services.

181 The division shall provide an opportunity for a fair hearing
182 under federal regulations to any applicant who is not given the
183 choice of home- or community-based services as an alternative to
184 institutional care.

185 The division shall make full payment for long-term care
186 alternative services.

187 The division shall apply for necessary federal waivers to
188 assure that additional services providing alternatives to nursing
189 facility care are made available to applicants for nursing
190 facility care.

191 (5) Periodic screening and diagnostic services for
192 individuals under age twenty-one (21) years as are needed to
193 identify physical and mental defects and to provide health care
194 treatment and other measures designed to correct or ameliorate
195 defects and physical and mental illness and conditions discovered
196 by the screening services regardless of whether these services are

197 included in the state plan. The division may include in its
198 periodic screening and diagnostic program those discretionary
199 services authorized under the federal regulations adopted to
200 implement Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as
201 amended. The division, in obtaining physical therapy services,
202 occupational therapy services, and services for individuals with
203 speech, hearing and language disorders, may enter into a
204 cooperative agreement with the State Department of Education for
205 the provision of such services to handicapped students by public
206 school districts using state funds which are provided from the
207 appropriation to the Department of Education to obtain federal
208 matching funds through the division. The division, in obtaining
209 medical and psychological evaluations for children in the custody
210 of the State Department of Human Services may enter into a
211 cooperative agreement with the State Department of Human Services
212 for the provision of such services using state funds which are
213 provided from the appropriation to the Department of Human
214 Services to obtain federal matching funds through the division.

215 On July 1, 1993, all fees for periodic screening and
216 diagnostic services under this paragraph (5) shall be increased by
217 twenty-five percent (25%) of the reimbursement rate in effect on
218 June 30, 1993.

219 (6) Physician's services. All fees for physicians' services
220 that are covered only by Medicaid shall be reimbursed at ninety
221 percent (90%) of the rate established on January 1, 1999, and as
222 adjusted each January thereafter, under Medicare (Title XVIII of
223 the Social Security Act, as amended), and which shall in no event
224 be less than seventy percent (70%) of the rate established on
225 January 1, 1994. All fees for physicians' services that are
226 covered by both Medicare and Medicaid shall be reimbursed at ten
227 percent (10%) of the adjusted Medicare payment established on
228 January 1, 1999, and as adjusted each January thereafter, under
229 Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended), and

230 which shall in no event be less than seven percent (7%) of the
231 adjusted Medicare payment established on January 1, 1994.

232 (7) (a) Home health services for eligible persons, not to
233 exceed in cost the prevailing cost of nursing facility services,
234 not to exceed sixty (60) visits per year.

235 (b) Repealed.

236 (8) Emergency medical transportation services. On January
237 1, 1994, emergency medical transportation services shall be
238 reimbursed at seventy percent (70%) of the rate established under
239 Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended).

240 "Emergency medical transportation services" shall mean, but shall
241 not be limited to, the following services by a properly permitted
242 ambulance operated by a properly licensed provider in accordance
243 with the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1974 (Section 41-59-1
244 et seq.): (i) basic life support, (ii) advanced life support,
245 (iii) mileage, (iv) oxygen, (v) intravenous fluids, (vi)
246 disposable supplies, (vii) similar services.

247 (9) Legend and other drugs as may be determined by the
248 division. The division may implement a program of prior approval
249 for drugs to the extent permitted by law. Payment by the division
250 for covered multiple source drugs shall be limited to the lower of
251 the upper limits established and published by the Health Care
252 Financing Administration (HCFA) plus a dispensing fee of Four
253 Dollars and Ninety-one Cents (\$4.91), or the estimated acquisition
254 cost (EAC) as determined by the division plus a dispensing fee of
255 Four Dollars and Ninety-one Cents (\$4.91), or the providers' usual
256 and customary charge to the general public. The division shall
257 allow five (5) prescriptions per month for noninstitutionalized
258 Medicaid recipients; however, exceptions for up to ten (10)
259 prescriptions per month shall be allowed, with the approval of the
260 director.

261 Payment for other covered drugs, other than multiple source
262 drugs with HCFA upper limits, shall not exceed the lower of the

263 estimated acquisition cost as determined by the division plus a
264 dispensing fee of Four Dollars and Ninety-one Cents (\$4.91) or the
265 providers' usual and customary charge to the general public.

266 Payment for nonlegend or over-the-counter drugs covered on
267 the division's formulary shall be reimbursed at the lower of the
268 division's estimated shelf price or the providers' usual and
269 customary charge to the general public. No dispensing fee shall
270 be paid.

271 The division shall develop and implement a program of payment
272 for additional pharmacist services, with payment to be based on
273 demonstrated savings, but in no case shall the total payment
274 exceed twice the amount of the dispensing fee.

275 As used in this paragraph (9), "estimated acquisition cost"
276 means the division's best estimate of what price providers
277 generally are paying for a drug in the package size that providers
278 buy most frequently. Product selection shall be made in
279 compliance with existing state law; however, the division may
280 reimburse as if the prescription had been filled under the generic
281 name. The division may provide otherwise in the case of specified
282 drugs when the consensus of competent medical advice is that
283 trademarked drugs are substantially more effective.

284 (10) Dental care that is an adjunct to treatment of an acute
285 medical or surgical condition; services of oral surgeons and
286 dentists in connection with surgery related to the jaw or any
287 structure contiguous to the jaw or the reduction of any fracture
288 of the jaw or any facial bone; and emergency dental extractions
289 and treatment related thereto. On July 1, 1999, all fees for
290 dental care and surgery under authority of this paragraph (10)
291 shall be increased to one hundred sixty percent (160%) of the
292 amount of the reimbursement rate that was in effect on June 30,
293 1999. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage more
294 dentists to participate in the Medicaid program.

295 (11) Eyeglasses necessitated by reason of eye surgery, and

296 as prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or an
297 optometrist, whichever the patient may select, or one (1) pair
298 every three (3) years as prescribed by a physician or an
299 optometrist, whichever the patient may select.

300 (12) Intermediate care facility services.

301 (a) The division shall make full payment to all
302 intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded for each
303 day, not exceeding eighty-four (84) days per year, that a patient
304 is absent from the facility on home leave. Payment may be made
305 for the following home leave days in addition to the
306 eighty-four-day limitation: Christmas, the day before Christmas,
307 the day after Christmas, Thanksgiving, the day before Thanksgiving
308 and the day after Thanksgiving. However, before payment may be
309 made for more than eighteen (18) home leave days in a year for a
310 patient, the patient must have written authorization from a
311 physician stating that the patient is physically and mentally able
312 to be away from the facility on home leave. Such authorization
313 must be filed with the division before it will be effective, and
314 the authorization shall be effective for three (3) months from the
315 date it is received by the division, unless it is revoked earlier
316 by the physician because of a change in the condition of the
317 patient.

318 (b) All state-owned intermediate care facilities for
319 the mentally retarded shall be reimbursed on a full reasonable
320 cost basis.

321 (c) The division is authorized to limit allowable
322 management fees and home office costs to either three percent
323 (3%), five percent (5%) or seven percent (7%) of other allowable
324 costs, including allowable therapy costs and property costs, based
325 on the types of management services provided, as follows:

326 A maximum of up to three percent (3%) shall be allowed where
327 centralized managerial and administrative services are provided by
328 the management company or home office.

329 A maximum of up to five percent (5%) shall be allowed where
330 centralized managerial and administrative services and limited
331 professional and consultant services are provided.

332 A maximum of up to seven percent (7%) shall be allowed where
333 a full spectrum of centralized managerial services, administrative
334 services, professional services and consultant services are
335 provided.

336 (13) Family planning services, including drugs, supplies and
337 devices, when such services are under the supervision of a
338 physician.

339 (14) Clinic services. Such diagnostic, preventive,
340 therapeutic, rehabilitative or palliative services furnished to an
341 outpatient by or under the supervision of a physician or dentist
342 in a facility which is not a part of a hospital but which is
343 organized and operated to provide medical care to outpatients.
344 Clinic services shall include any services reimbursed as
345 outpatient hospital services which may be rendered in such a
346 facility, including those that become so after July 1, 1991. On
347 July 1, 1999, all fees for physicians' services reimbursed under
348 authority of this paragraph (14) shall be reimbursed at ninety
349 percent (90%) of the rate established on January 1, 1999, and as
350 adjusted each January thereafter, under Medicare (Title XVIII of
351 the Social Security Act, as amended), and which shall in no event
352 be less than seventy percent (70%) of the rate established on
353 January 1, 1994. All fees for physicians' services that are
354 covered by both Medicare and Medicaid shall be reimbursed at ten
355 percent (10%) of the adjusted Medicare payment established on
356 January 1, 1999, and as adjusted each January thereafter, under
357 Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended), and
358 which shall in no event be less than seven percent (7%) of the
359 adjusted Medicare payment established on January 1, 1994. On July
360 1, 1999, all fees for dentists' services reimbursed under
361 authority of this paragraph (14) shall be increased to one hundred

362 sixty percent (160%) of the amount of the reimbursement rate that
363 was in effect on June 30, 1999.

364 (15) Home- and community-based services, as provided under
365 Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, under
366 waivers, subject to the availability of funds specifically
367 appropriated therefor by the Legislature. Payment for such
368 services shall be limited to individuals who would be eligible for
369 and would otherwise require the level of care provided in a
370 nursing facility. The home- and community-based services
371 authorized under this paragraph shall be expanded over a five-year
372 period beginning July 1, 1999. The division shall certify case
373 management agencies to provide case management services and
374 provide for home- and community-based services for eligible
375 individuals under this paragraph. The home- and community-based
376 services under this paragraph and the activities performed by
377 certified case management agencies under this paragraph shall be
378 funded using state funds that are provided from the appropriation
379 to the Division of Medicaid and used to match federal funds.

380 (16) Mental health services. Approved therapeutic and case
381 management services provided by (a) an approved regional mental
382 health/retardation center established under Sections 41-19-31
383 through 41-19-39, or by another community mental health service
384 provider meeting the requirements of the Department of Mental
385 Health to be an approved mental health/retardation center if
386 determined necessary by the Department of Mental Health, using
387 state funds which are provided from the appropriation to the State
388 Department of Mental Health and used to match federal funds under
389 a cooperative agreement between the division and the department,
390 or (b) a facility which is certified by the State Department of
391 Mental Health to provide therapeutic and case management services,
392 to be reimbursed on a fee for service basis. Any such services
393 provided by a facility described in paragraph (b) must have the
394 prior approval of the division to be reimbursable under this

395 section. After June 30, 1997, mental health services provided by
396 regional mental health/retardation centers established under
397 Sections 41-19-31 through 41-19-39, or by hospitals as defined in
398 Section 41-9-3(a) and/or their subsidiaries and divisions, or by
399 psychiatric residential treatment facilities as defined in Section
400 43-11-1, or by another community mental health service provider
401 meeting the requirements of the Department of Mental Health to be
402 an approved mental health/retardation center if determined
403 necessary by the Department of Mental Health, shall not be
404 included in or provided under any capitated managed care pilot
405 program provided for under paragraph (24) of this section.

406 (17) Durable medical equipment services and medical
407 supplies. The Division of Medicaid may require durable medical
408 equipment providers to obtain a surety bond in the amount and to
409 the specifications as established by the Balanced Budget Act of
410 1997.

411 (18) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to
412 the contrary, the division shall make additional reimbursement to
413 hospitals which serve a disproportionate share of low-income
414 patients and which meet the federal requirements for such payments
415 as provided in Section 1923 of the federal Social Security Act and
416 any applicable regulations.

417 (19) (a) Perinatal risk management services. The division
418 shall promulgate regulations to be effective from and after
419 October 1, 1988, to establish a comprehensive perinatal system for
420 risk assessment of all pregnant and infant Medicaid recipients and
421 for management, education and follow-up for those who are
422 determined to be at risk. Services to be performed include case
423 management, nutrition assessment/counseling, psychosocial
424 assessment/counseling and health education. The division shall
425 set reimbursement rates for providers in conjunction with the
426 State Department of Health.

427 (b) Early intervention system services. The division

428 shall cooperate with the State Department of Health, acting as
429 lead agency, in the development and implementation of a statewide
430 system of delivery of early intervention services, pursuant to
431 Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

432 The State Department of Health shall certify annually in writing
433 to the director of the division the dollar amount of state early
434 intervention funds available which shall be utilized as a
435 certified match for Medicaid matching funds. Those funds then
436 shall be used to provide expanded targeted case management
437 services for Medicaid eligible children with special needs who are
438 eligible for the state's early intervention system.

439 Qualifications for persons providing service coordination shall be
440 determined by the State Department of Health and the Division of
441 Medicaid.

442 (20) Home- and community-based services for physically
443 disabled approved services as allowed by a waiver from the United
444 States Department of Health and Human Services for home- and
445 community-based services for physically disabled people using
446 state funds which are provided from the appropriation to the State
447 Department of Rehabilitation Services and used to match federal
448 funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the
449 department, provided that funds for these services are
450 specifically appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation
451 Services.

452 (21) Nurse practitioner services. Services furnished by a
453 registered nurse who is licensed and certified by the Mississippi
454 Board of Nursing as a nurse practitioner including, but not
455 limited to, nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, family nurse
456 practitioners, family planning nurse practitioners, pediatric
457 nurse practitioners, obstetrics-gynecology nurse practitioners and
458 neonatal nurse practitioners, under regulations adopted by the
459 division. Reimbursement for such services shall not exceed ninety
460 percent (90%) of the reimbursement rate for comparable services

461 rendered by a physician.

462 (22) Ambulatory services delivered in federally qualified
463 health centers and in clinics of the local health departments of
464 the State Department of Health for individuals eligible for
465 medical assistance under this article based on reasonable costs as
466 determined by the division.

467 (23) Inpatient psychiatric services. Inpatient psychiatric
468 services to be determined by the division for recipients under age
469 twenty-one (21) which are provided under the direction of a
470 physician in an inpatient program in a licensed acute care
471 psychiatric facility or in a licensed psychiatric residential
472 treatment facility, before the recipient reaches age twenty-one
473 (21) or, if the recipient was receiving the services immediately
474 before he reached age twenty-one (21), before the earlier of the
475 date he no longer requires the services or the date he reaches age
476 twenty-two (22), as provided by federal regulations. Recipients
477 shall be allowed forty-five (45) days per year of psychiatric
478 services provided in acute care psychiatric facilities, and shall
479 be allowed unlimited days of psychiatric services provided in
480 licensed psychiatric residential treatment facilities. The
481 division is authorized to limit allowable management fees and home
482 office costs to either three percent (3%), five percent (5%) or
483 seven percent (7%) of other allowable costs, including allowable
484 therapy costs and property costs, based on the types of management
485 services provided, as follows:

486 A maximum of up to three percent (3%) shall be allowed where
487 centralized managerial and administrative services are provided by
488 the management company or home office.

489 A maximum of up to five percent (5%) shall be allowed where
490 centralized managerial and administrative services and limited
491 professional and consultant services are provided.

492 A maximum of up to seven percent (7%) shall be allowed where
493 a full spectrum of centralized managerial services, administrative

494 services, professional services and consultant services are
495 provided.

496 (24) Managed care services in a program to be developed by
497 the division by a public or private provider.

498 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this article
499 to the contrary, the division shall establish rates of
500 reimbursement to providers rendering care and services authorized
501 under this paragraph (24), and may revise such rates of
502 reimbursement without amendment to this section by the Legislature
503 for the purpose of achieving effective and accessible health
504 services, and for responsible containment of costs.

505 (b) The managed care services under this paragraph (24)
506 shall include, but not be limited to, one (1) module of capitated
507 managed care in a rural area, and one (1) module of capitated
508 managed care in an urban area; however, the capitated managed care
509 program operated by the division shall not be implemented,
510 conducted or expanded into any county or part of any county other
511 than the following counties: Covington, Forrest, Hancock,
512 Harrison, Lamar, Lauderdale, Pearl River, Perry, Warren and
513 Washington. From and after passage of this act, Medicaid
514 eligibility is guaranteed up to six (6) months for individuals
515 enrolled in a Medicaid managed care program. This subparagraph
516 (b) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2002.

517 (25) Birthing center services.

518 (26) Hospice care. As used in this paragraph, the term
519 "hospice care" means a coordinated program of active professional
520 medical attention within the home and outpatient and inpatient
521 care which treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit,
522 employing a medically directed interdisciplinary team. The
523 program provides relief of severe pain or other physical symptoms
524 and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of
525 physical, psychological, spiritual, social and economic stresses
526 which are experienced during the final stages of illness and

527 during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare requirements
528 for participation as a hospice as provided in federal regulations.

529 (27) Group health plan premiums and cost sharing if it is
530 cost effective as defined by the Secretary of Health and Human
531 Services.

532 (28) Other health insurance premiums which are cost
533 effective as defined by the Secretary of Health and Human
534 Services. Medicare eligible must have Medicare Part B before
535 other insurance premiums can be paid.

536 (29) The Division of Medicaid may apply for a waiver from
537 the Department of Health and Human Services for home- and
538 community-based services for developmentally disabled people using
539 state funds which are provided from the appropriation to the State
540 Department of Mental Health and used to match federal funds under
541 a cooperative agreement between the division and the department,
542 provided that funds for these services are specifically
543 appropriated to the Department of Mental Health.

544 (30) Pediatric skilled nursing services for eligible persons
545 under twenty-one (21) years of age.

546 (31) Targeted case management services for children with
547 special needs, under waivers from the United States Department of
548 Health and Human Services, using state funds that are provided
549 from the appropriation to the Mississippi Department of Human
550 Services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative
551 agreement between the division and the department.

552 (32) Care and services provided in Christian Science
553 Sanatoria operated by or listed and certified by The First Church
554 of Christ Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts, rendered in connection
555 with treatment by prayer or spiritual means to the extent that
556 such services are subject to reimbursement under Section 1903 of
557 the Social Security Act.

558 (33) Podiatrist services.

559 (34) The division shall make application to the United

560 States Health Care Financing Administration for a waiver to
561 develop a program of services to personal care and assisted living
562 homes in Mississippi. This waiver shall be completed by December
563 1, 1999.

564 (35) Services and activities authorized in Sections
565 43-27-101 and 43-27-103, using state funds that are provided from
566 the appropriation to the State Department of Human Services and
567 used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between
568 the division and the department.

569 (36) Nonemergency transportation services for
570 Medicaid-eligible persons, to be provided by the Division of
571 Medicaid. The division may contract with additional entities to
572 administer nonemergency transportation services as it deems
573 necessary. All providers shall have a valid driver's license,
574 vehicle inspection sticker, valid vehicle license tags and a
575 standard liability insurance policy covering the vehicle.

576 (37) Targeted case management services for individuals with
577 chronic diseases, with expanded eligibility to cover services to
578 uninsured recipients, on a pilot program basis. This paragraph
579 (37) shall be contingent upon continued receipt of special funds
580 from the Health Care Financing Authority and private foundations
581 who have granted funds for planning these services. No funding
582 for these services shall be provided from state general funds.

583 (38) Chiropractic services: a chiropractor's manual
584 manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation, if x-ray
585 demonstrates that a subluxation exists and if the subluxation has
586 resulted in a neuromusculoskeletal condition for which
587 manipulation is appropriate treatment. Reimbursement for
588 chiropractic services shall not exceed Seven Hundred Dollars
589 (\$700.00) per year per recipient.

590 (39) Dually eligible Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries. The
591 division shall pay Medicare deductible and ten percent (10%)
592 coinsurance amounts for services available under Medicare for the

593 duration and scope of services otherwise available under the
594 Medicaid program.

595 (40) The division shall prepare an application for a waiver
596 to provide prescription drug benefits to as many Mississippians as
597 permitted under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

598 (41) Services provided by the State Department of
599 Rehabilitation Services for the care and rehabilitation of persons
600 with spinal cord injuries or traumatic brain injuries, as allowed
601 under waivers from the United States Department of Health and
602 Human Services, using up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the
603 funds that are appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation
604 Services from the Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund
605 established under Section 37-33-261 and used to match federal
606 funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the
607 department.

608 Notwithstanding any provision of this article, except as
609 authorized in the following paragraph and in Section 43-13-139,
610 neither (a) the limitations on quantity or frequency of use of or
611 the fees or charges for any of the care or services available to
612 recipients under this section, nor (b) the payments or rates of
613 reimbursement to providers rendering care or services authorized
614 under this section to recipients, may be increased, decreased or
615 otherwise changed from the levels in effect on July 1, 1999,
616 unless such is authorized by an amendment to this section by the
617 Legislature. However, the restriction in this paragraph shall not
618 prevent the division from changing the payments or rates of
619 reimbursement to providers without an amendment to this section
620 whenever such changes are required by federal law or regulation,
621 or whenever such changes are necessary to correct administrative
622 errors or omissions in calculating such payments or rates of
623 reimbursement.

624 Notwithstanding any provision of this article, no new groups
625 or categories of recipients and new types of care and services may

626 be added without enabling legislation from the Mississippi
627 Legislature, except that the division may authorize such changes
628 without enabling legislation when such addition of recipients or
629 services is ordered by a court of proper authority. The director
630 shall keep the Governor advised on a timely basis of the funds
631 available for expenditure and the projected expenditures. In the
632 event current or projected expenditures can be reasonably
633 anticipated to exceed the amounts appropriated for any fiscal
634 year, the Governor, after consultation with the director, shall
635 discontinue any or all of the payment of the types of care and
636 services as provided herein which are deemed to be optional
637 services under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as
638 amended, for any period necessary to not exceed appropriated
639 funds, and when necessary shall institute any other cost
640 containment measures on any program or programs authorized under
641 the article to the extent allowed under the federal law governing
642 such program or programs, it being the intent of the Legislature
643 that expenditures during any fiscal year shall not exceed the
644 amounts appropriated for such fiscal year.

645 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
646 and after its passage.