

By: Representative Zuber

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 816

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-41-211, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ALLOW BOARD CERTIFIED MUSIC THERAPISTS TO RECEIVE INSURANCE
3 REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THEIR SERVICES IF PRESCRIBED BY A PHYSICIAN OR
4 A PSYCHOLOGIST; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 83-41-211, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 83-41-211. Whenever any policy of insurance or any medical
9 service plan or hospital service contract or hospital and medical
10 service contract issued in this state provides for reimbursement
11 for any diagnosis and treatment of mental, nervous or emotional
12 disorders only which are within the lawful scope of practice of a
13 duly licensed psychologist as defined in Section 73-31-3, within
14 the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed professional
15 counselor as defined in Section 73-30-3, * * * within the lawful
16 scope of practice of a duly licensed clinical social worker as
17 defined in Section 73-53-3 or within the lawful scope of practice
18 of a board certified music therapist, the insured or other person
19 entitled to benefits under such policy shall be entitled to
20 reimbursement for such services, whether such services are
21 performed by a duly licensed physician, by a duly licensed
22 psychologist, by a duly licensed professional counselor, by a duly
23 licensed clinical social worker or by a board certified music
24 therapist if such treatment is prescribed by a physician or by a
25 psychologist, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any
26 statute or in such policy, plan or contract. Duly licensed
27 psychologists shall be entitled to participate in such policies,
28 plans or contracts providing for the diagnosis and treatment of



29 mental, nervous or emotional disorders only as authorized by
30 Section 73-31-3. A duly licensed professional counselor shall be
31 entitled to participate in such policies, plans or contracts
32 providing for the diagnosis and treatment of mental, nervous or
33 emotional disorders only as authorized by Section 73-30-3. A duly
34 licensed clinical social worker shall be entitled to participate
35 in such policies, plans or contracts providing for the diagnosis
36 and treatment of mental, nervous or emotional disorders only as
37 authorized by Section 73-53-3. A board certified music therapist
38 shall be entitled to participate in such policies, plans or
39 contracts only if his or her services are prescribed by a
40 physician or a psychologist.

41 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after July 1, 2002.

