

By: Representative Stevens

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 852

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-41-211, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INSURANCE POLICIES OR PLANS SHALL PROVIDE
3 REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
4 THERAPISTS; 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 duly licensed marriage and family therapist as defined in
19 Section 73-54-5, the insured or other person entitled to benefits
20 under such policy shall be entitled to reimbursement for such
21 services, whether such services are performed by a duly licensed
22 physician or by a duly licensed psychologist, by a duly licensed
23 professional counselor or by a duly licensed clinical social
24 worker, or by a duly licensed marriage and family therapist,
25 notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any statute or in
26 such policy, plan or contract. Duly licensed psychologists shall
27 be entitled to participate in such policies, plans or contracts
28 providing for the diagnosis and treatment of mental, nervous or



29 emotional disorders only as authorized by Section 73-31-3. A duly
30 licensed professional counselor shall be entitled to participate
31 in such policies, plans or contracts providing for the diagnosis
32 and treatment of mental, nervous or emotional disorders only as
33 authorized by Section 73-30-3. A duly licensed clinical social
34 worker shall be entitled to participate in such policies, plans or
35 contracts providing for the diagnosis and treatment of mental,
36 nervous or emotional disorders only as authorized by Section
37 73-53-3. A duly licensed marriage and family therapist shall be
38 entitled to participate in such policies, plans or contracts
39 providing for the diagnosis and treatment of mental, nervous or
40 emotional disorders only as authorized by Section 73-54-5 et seq.

41 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after July 1, 2003.

