REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 897: Medicaid; make technical amendments to Medicaid laws.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 43-13-113, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-13-113. (1) The State Treasurer shall receive on behalf of the state, and execute all instruments incidental thereto, federal and other funds to be used for financing the medical assistance plan or program adopted pursuant to this article, and place all such funds in a special account to the credit of the Governor's Office-Division of Medicaid, which funds shall be expended by the division for the purposes and under the provisions of this article, and shall be paid out by the State Treasurer as funds appropriated to carry out the provisions of this article are paid out by him.

The division shall issue all checks or electronic transfers for administrative expenses, and for medical assistance under the provisions of this article. All such checks or electronic transfers shall be drawn upon funds made available to the division by the State Auditor, upon requisition of the director. It is the purpose of this section to provide that the State Auditor shall transfer, in lump sums, amounts to the division for disbursement under the regulations which shall be made by the director with the approval of the Governor; however, the division, or its fiscal agent in behalf of the division, shall be authorized in

maintaining separate accounts with a Mississippi bank to handle claim payments, refund recoveries and related Medicaid program financial transactions, to aggressively manage the float in these accounts while awaiting clearance of checks or electronic transfers and/or other disposition so as to accrue maximum interest advantage of the funds in the account, and to retain all earned interest on these funds to be applied to match federal funds for Medicaid program operations.

(2) The division is authorized to obtain a line of credit through the State Treasurer from the Working Cash-Stabilization Fund or any other special source funds maintained in the State Treasury in an amount not exceeding Ten Million Dollars ($10,000,000.00) to fund shortfalls which, from time to time, may occur due to decreases in state matching fund cash flow. The length of indebtedness under this provision shall not carry past the end of the quarter following the loan origination. Loan proceeds shall be received by the State Treasurer and shall be placed in a Medicaid designated special fund account. Loan proceeds shall be expended only for health care services provided under the Medicaid program. The division may pledge as security for such interim financing future funds that will be received by the division. Any such loans shall be repaid from the first available funds received by the division in the manner of and subject to the same terms provided in this section.

(3) Disbursement of funds to providers shall be made as follows:

(a) All providers must submit all claims to the Division of Medicaid's fiscal agent no later than twelve (12) months from the date of service.

(b) The Division of Medicaid's fiscal agent must pay ninety percent (90%) of all clean claims within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt.

(c) The Division of Medicaid's fiscal agent must pay ninety-nine percent (99%) of all clean claims within ninety (90) days of the date of receipt.

(d) The Division of Medicaid's fiscal agent must pay

all other claims within twelve (12) months of the date of receipt.

(e) If a claim is neither paid nor denied for valid and proper reasons by the end of the time periods as specified above, the Division of Medicaid's fiscal agent must pay the provider interest on the claim at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month on the amount of such claim until it is finally settled or adjudicated.

(4) The date of receipt is the date the fiscal agent receives the claim as indicated by its date stamp on the claim or, for those claims filed electronically, the date of receipt is the date of transmission.

(5) The date of payment is the date of the check or, for those claims paid by electronic funds transfer, the date of the transfer.

(6) The above specified time limitations do not apply in the following circumstances:

(a) Retroactive adjustments paid to providers reimbursed under a retrospective payment system;

(b) If a claim for payment under Medicare has been filed in a timely manner, the fiscal agent may pay a Medicaid claim relating to the same services within six (6) months after it, or the provider, receives notice of the disposition of the Medicare claim;

(c) Claims from providers under investigation for fraud or abuse; and

(d) The Division of Medicaid and/or its fiscal agent may make payments at any time in accordance with a court order, to carry out hearing decisions or corrective actions taken to resolve a dispute, or to extend the benefits of a hearing decision, corrective action, or court order to others in the same situation as those directly affected by it.

(7) Repealed.

(8) If sufficient funds are appropriated therefor by the Legislature, the Division of Medicaid may contract with the Mississippi Dental Association, or an approved designee, to develop and operate a Donated Dental Services (DDS) program

through which volunteer dentists will treat needy disabled, aged and medically-compromised individuals who are non-Medicaid eligible recipients.

SECTION 2. Section 43-13-115, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-13-115. Recipients of medical assistance shall be the following persons only:

(1) Who are qualified for public assistance grants under provisions of Title IV-A and E of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, as determined by the State Department of Human Services, including those statutorily deemed to be IV-A and low-income families and children under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act as determined by the State Department of Human Services and certified to the Division of Medicaid, but not optional groups except as specifically covered in this section. For the purposes of this paragraph (1) and paragraphs (8), (17) and (18) of this section, any reference to Title IV-A or to Part A of Title IV of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, or the state plan under Title IV-A or Part A of Title IV, shall be considered as a reference to Title IV-A of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, and the state plan under Title IV-A, including the income and resource standards and methodologies under Title IV-A and the state plan, as they existed on July 16, 1996.

(2) Those qualified for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits under Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, as amended<u>, and those who are deemed SSI eligible as contained in federal statute</u>. The eligibility of individuals covered in this paragraph shall be determined by the Social Security Administration and certified to the Division of Medicaid.

(3) <u>Qualified pregnant women who would be eligible for medical assistance as a low income family member under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act if her child was born.</u>

(4) [Deleted]

(5) A child born on or after October 1, 1984, to a woman eligible for and receiving medical assistance under the

state plan on the date of the child's birth shall be deemed to have applied for medical assistance and to have been found eligible for such assistance under such plan on the date of such birth and will remain eligible for such assistance for a period of one (1) year so long as the child is a member of the woman's household and the woman remains eligible for such assistance or would be eligible for assistance if pregnant. The eligibility of individuals covered in this paragraph shall be determined by the State Department of Human Services and certified to the Division of Medicaid.

(6) Children certified by the State Department of Human Services to the Division of Medicaid of whom the state and county departments of human services * * * have custody and financial responsibility, and children who are in adoptions subsidized in full or part by the Department of Human Services, including special needs children in non-Title IV-E adoption assistance, who are approvable under Title XIX of the Medicaid program.

(7) (a) Persons certified by the Division of Medicaid who are patients in a medical facility (nursing home, hospital, tuberculosis sanatorium or institution for treatment of mental diseases), and who, except for the fact that they are patients in such medical facility, would qualify for grants under Title IV, supplementary security income benefits under Title XVI or state supplements, and those aged, blind and disabled persons who would not be eligible for supplemental security income benefits under Title XVI or state supplements if they were not institutionalized in a medical facility but whose income is below the maximum standard set by the Division of Medicaid, which standard shall not exceed that prescribed by federal regulation;

(b) Individuals who have elected to receive hospice care benefits and who are eligible using the same criteria and special income limits as those in institutions as described in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph (7).

(8) Children under eighteen (18) years of age and pregnant women (including those in intact families) who meet the * * * financial standards of the state plan approved under

Title IV-A of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. The eligibility of children covered under this paragraph shall be determined by the State Department of Human Services and certified to the Division of Medicaid.

(9) Individuals who are:

(a) Children born after September 30, 1983, who have not attained the age of nineteen (19), with family income that does not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the nonfarm official poverty line;

(b) Pregnant women, infants and children who have not attained the age of six (6), with family income that does not exceed one hundred thirty-three percent (133%) of the federal poverty level; and

(c) Pregnant women and infants who have not attained the age of one (1), with family income that does not exceed one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level.

The eligibility of individuals covered in (a), (b) and (c) of this paragraph shall be determined by the Department of Human Services.

(10) Certain disabled children age eighteen (18) or under who are living at home, who would be eligible, if in a medical institution, for SSI or a state supplemental payment under Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, and therefore for Medicaid under the plan, and for whom the state has made a determination as required under Section 1902(e)(3)(b) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. The eligibility of individuals under this paragraph shall be determined by the Division of Medicaid<u>; provided, however, that the division may apply to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a waiver that will allow flexibility in the benefit design for the Disabled Children Living at Home eligibility category authorized herein, and the division may establish an expenditure/enrollment cap for this category. Nothing contained in this paragraph (10) shall entitle an individual for benefits</u>.

(11) Individuals who are sixty-five (65) years of age

or older or are disabled as determined under Section 1614(a)(3) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, and whose income does not exceed one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the nonfarm official poverty line as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually, and whose resources do not exceed those established by the Division of Medicaid.

The eligibility of individuals covered under this paragraph shall be determined by the Division of Medicaid; provided, however, that the division may apply to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a waiver that will allow flexibility in the benefit design and buy-in options for the Poverty Level Aged and Disabled (PLAD) eligibility category authorized herein, and the division may establish an expenditure/enrollment cap for this category. Nothing contained in this paragraph (11) shall entitle an individual for benefits.

(12) Individuals who are qualified Medicare beneficiaries (QMB) entitled to Part A Medicare as defined under Section 301, Public Law 100-360, known as the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988, and whose income does not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the nonfarm official poverty line as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually.

The eligibility of individuals covered under this paragraph shall be determined by the Division of Medicaid, and such individuals determined eligible shall receive Medicare cost-sharing expenses only as more fully defined by the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988 and the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

(13 (a) Individuals who are entitled to Medicare Part A as defined in Section 4501 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, and whose income does not exceed one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the nonfarm official poverty line as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually. Eligibility for Medicaid benefits is limited to full payment of Medicare Part B premiums.

(b) Individuals entitled to Part A of Medicare, with

income above one hundred twenty percent (120%), but less than one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the federal poverty level, and not otherwise eligible for Medicaid Eligibility for Medicaid benefits is limited to full payment of Medicare Part B premiums. The number of eligible individuals is limited by the availability of the federal capped allocation at one hundred percent (100%) of federal matching funds, as more fully defined in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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The eligibility of individuals covered under this paragraph shall be determined by the Division of Medicaid.

(14) [Deleted]

(15) Disabled workers who are eligible to enroll in Part A Medicare as required by Public Law 101-239, known as the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, and whose income does not exceed two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level as determined in accordance with the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. The eligibility of individuals covered under this paragraph shall be determined by the Division of Medicaid and such individuals shall be entitled to buy-in coverage of Medicare Part A premiums only under the provisions of this paragraph (15).

(16) In accordance with the terms and conditions of approved Title XIX waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, persons provided home- and community-based services who are physically disabled and certified by the Division of Medicaid as eligible due to applying the income and deeming requirements as if they were institutionalized.

(17) In accordance with the terms of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-193), persons who become ineligible for assistance under Title IV-A of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, because of increased income from or hours of employment of the caretaker relative or because of the expiration of the applicable earned income disregards, who were eligible for Medicaid for at least three (3) of the six (6) months preceding the month in which such ineligibility begins, shall be eligible

for Medicaid assistance for up to twelve (12) months * * *.

(18) Persons who become ineligible for assistance under Title IV-A of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, as a result, in whole or in part, of the collection or increased collection of child or spousal support under Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, who were eligible for Medicaid for at least three (3) of the six (6) months immediately preceding the month in which such ineligibility begins, shall be eligible for Medicaid for an additional four (4) months beginning with the month in which such ineligibility begins.

(19) Disabled workers, whose incomes are above the Medicaid eligibility limits, but below two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level, shall be allowed to purchase Medicaid coverage on a sliding fee scale developed by the Division of Medicaid.

(20) Medicaid eligible children under age eighteen (18) shall remain eligible for Medicaid benefits until the end of a period of twelve (12) months following an eligibility determination, or until such time that the individual exceeds age eighteen (18).

(21) Women of childbearing age whose family income does not exceed one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level. The eligibility of individuals covered under this paragraph (21) shall be determined by the Division of Medicaid, and those individuals determined eligible shall only receive family planning services covered under Section 43-13-117(13) and not any other services covered under Medicaid. However, any individual eligible under this paragraph (21) who is also eligible under any other provision of this section shall receive the benefits to which he or she is entitled under that other provision, in addition to family planning services covered under Section 43-13-117(13).

The Division of Medicaid shall apply to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services for a federal waiver of the applicable provisions of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, and any other applicable provisions of federal

law as necessary to allow for the implementation of this paragraph (21). The provisions of this paragraph (21) shall be implemented from and after the date that the Division of Medicaid receives the federal waiver.

(22) Persons who are workers with a potentially severe disability, as determined by the division, shall be allowed to purchase Medicaid coverage. The term "worker with a potentially severe disability" means a person who is at least sixteen (16) years of age but under sixty-five (65) years of age, who has a physical or mental impairment that is reasonably expected to cause the person to become blind or disabled as defined under Section 1614(a) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, if the person does not receive items and services provided under Medicaid.

The eligibility of persons under this paragraph (22) shall be conducted as a demonstration project that is consistent with Section 204 of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, Public Law 106-170, for a certain number of persons as specified by the division. The eligibility of individuals covered under this paragraph (22) shall be determined by the Division of Medicaid.

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(23) Children certified by the Mississippi Department of Human Services for whom the state and county <u>departments of</u> human services *** * *** <u>have</u> custody and financial responsibility who are in foster care on their eighteenth birthday as reported by the Mississippi Department of Human Services shall be certified Medicaid eligible by the Division of Medicaid until their twenty-first birthday.

(24) Individuals who have not attained age sixty-five (65), are not otherwise covered by creditable coverage as defined in the Public Health Services Act, and have been screened for breast and cervical cancer under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program established under Title XV of the Public Health Service Act in accordance with the requirements of that act and who need

treatment for breast or cervical cancer. Eligibility of individuals under this paragraph (24) shall be determined by the Division of Medicaid.

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SECTION 3. Section 43-13-117, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

(1) Inpatient hospital services.

(a) The division shall allow thirty (30) days of inpatient hospital care annually for all Medicaid recipients. Precertification of inpatient days must be obtained as required by the division. The division may allow unlimited days in disproportionate hospitals as defined by the division for eligible infants under the age of six (6) years if certified as medically necessary as required by the division.

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

(c) Hospitals will receive an additional payment for the implantable programmable baclofen drug pump used to treat spasticity which is implanted on an inpatient basis. The payment pursuant to written invoice will be in addition to the facility's per diem reimbursement and will represent a reduction of costs on the facility's annual cost report, and shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) per year per recipient. This subparagraph (c) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2005.

(2) Outpatient hospital services. Where the same

services are reimbursed as clinic services, the division may revise the rate or methodology of outpatient reimbursement to maintain consistency, efficiency, economy and quality of care.

(3) Laboratory and x-ray services.

(4) Nursing facility services.

(a) The division shall make full payment to nursing facilities for each day, not exceeding fifty-two (52) days per year, that a patient is absent from the facility on home leave. Payment may be made for the following home leave days in addition to the fifty-two-day limitation: Christmas, the day before Christmas, the day after Christmas, Thanksgiving, the day before Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

(b) From and after July 1, 1997, the division shall implement the integrated case-mix payment and quality monitoring system, which includes the fair rental system for property costs and in which recapture of depreciation is eliminated. The division may reduce the payment for hospital leave and therapeutic home leave days to the lower of the case-mix category as computed for the resident on leave using the assessment being utilized for payment at that point in time, or a case-mix score of 1.000 for nursing facilities, and shall compute case-mix scores of residents so that only services provided at the nursing facility are considered in calculating a facility's per diem.

During the period between May 1, 2002, and December 1, 2002, the Chairmen of the Public Health and Welfare Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives may appoint a joint study committee to consider the issue of setting uniform reimbursement rates for nursing facilities. The study committee will consist of the Chairmen of the Public Health and Welfare Committees, three (3) members of the Senate and three (3) members of the House. The study committee shall complete its work in not more than three (3) meetings.

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

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

(e) The division shall develop and implement, not later than January 1, 2001, a case-mix payment add-on determined by time studies and other valid statistical data that will reimburse a nursing facility for the additional cost of caring for a resident who has a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other related dementia and exhibits symptoms that require special care. Any such case-mix add-on payment shall be supported by a determination of additional cost. The division shall also develop and implement as part of the fair rental reimbursement system for nursing facility beds, an Alzheimer's resident bed depreciation enhanced reimbursement system that will provide an incentive to encourage nursing facilities to convert or construct beds for residents with Alzheimer's or other related dementia.

(f) The division shall develop and implement an assessment process for long-term care services.

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

(5) Periodic screening and diagnostic services for individuals under age twenty-one (21) years as are needed to identify physical and mental defects and to provide health care treatment and other measures designed to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illness and conditions discovered by the screening services regardless of whether these services are included in the state plan. The division may include in its periodic screening and diagnostic program those discretionary services authorized under the federal regulations adopted to implement Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. The division, in obtaining physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, and services for individuals with speech, hearing and language disorders, may enter into a cooperative agreement with the State Department of Education for the provision of those services to handicapped students by public school districts using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Department of Education to obtain federal matching funds through the division. The division, in obtaining medical and psychological evaluations for children in the custody of the State Department of Human Services may enter into a cooperative agreement with the State Department of Human Services for the provision of those services using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Department of Human Services to obtain federal matching funds through the division.

(6) Physician's services. The division shall allow twelve (12) physician visits annually. All fees for physicians' services that are covered only by Medicaid shall be reimbursed at ninety percent (90%) of the rate established on January 1, 1999, and as adjusted each January thereafter, under Medicare (Title

XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended), and which shall in no event be less than seventy percent (70%) of the rate established on January 1, 1994. All fees for physicians' services that are covered by both Medicare and Medicaid shall be reimbursed at ten percent (10%) of the adjusted Medicare payment established on January 1, 1999, and as adjusted each January thereafter, under Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended), and which shall in no event be less than seventy percent (70%) of the adjusted Medicare payment established on January 1, 1994.

(7) (a) Home health services for eligible persons, not to exceed in cost the prevailing cost of nursing facility services, not to exceed sixty (60) visits per year. All home health visits must be precertified as required by the division.

(b) Repealed.

(8) Emergency medical transportation services. On January 1, 1994, emergency medical transportation services shall be reimbursed at seventy percent (70%) of the rate established under Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended). "Emergency medical transportation services" shall mean, but shall not be limited to, the following services by a properly permitted ambulance operated by a properly licensed provider in accordance with the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1974 (Section 41-59-1 et seq.): (i) basic life support, (ii) advanced life support, (iii) mileage, (iv) oxygen, (v) intravenous fluids, (vi) disposable supplies, (vii) similar services.

(9) (a) Legend and other drugs as may be determined by the division. *** * *** The division may implement a program of prior approval for drugs to the extent permitted by law. The division shall allow seven (7) prescriptions per month for each noninstitutionalized Medicaid recipient; however, after a noninstutionalized or institutionalized recipient has received five (5) prescriptions in any month, each additional prescription during that month must have the prior approval of the division. The division shall not reimburse for any portion of a prescription that exceeds a thirty-four-day supply of the drug based on the daily dosage.

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Provided, however, that until July 1, 2005, any A-typical antipsychotic drug shall be included in any preferred drug list developed by the Division of Medicaid and shall not require prior authorization, and until July 1, 2005, any licensed physician may prescribe any A-typical antipsychotic drug deemed appropriate for Medicaid recipients which shall be fully eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.

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

All claims for drugs for dually eligible Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries that are paid for by Medicare must be submitted to Medicare for payment before they may be processed by the division's on-line payment system.

The division shall develop a pharmacy policy in which drugs in tamper-resistant packaging that are prescribed for a resident of a nursing facility but are not dispensed to the resident shall be returned to the pharmacy and not billed to Medicaid, in accordance with guidelines of the State Board of Pharmacy.

(b) * * * Payment by the division for covered multiple source drugs shall be limited to the lower of the upper limits established and published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) plus a dispensing fee, or the estimated acquisition cost (EAC) plus a dispensing fee, or the providers' usual and customary charge to the general public. * * *

Payment for other covered drugs, other than multiple source drugs with CMS upper limits, shall not exceed the lower of the estimated acquisition cost plus a dispensing fee or the providers' usual and customary charge to the general public.

Payment for nonlegend or over-the-counter drugs covered by the division * * * shall be reimbursed at the lower of the division's estimated shelf price or the providers' usual and customary charge to the general public. * * *

The dispensing fee for each new or refill prescription,

including nonlegend or over-the-counter drugs covered by the division, shall be Three Dollars and Ninety-one Cents ($3.91).

The Medicaid provider shall not prescribe, the Medicaid pharmacy shall not bill, and the division shall not reimburse for name brand drugs if there are equally effective generic equivalents available and if the generic equivalents are the least expensive.

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As used in this paragraph (9), "estimated acquisition cost" means twelve percent (12%) less than the average wholesale price for a drug.

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

(11) Eyeglasses for all Medicaid beneficiaries who have (a) had surgery on the eyeball or ocular muscle that results in a vision change for which eyeglasses or a change in eyeglasses is medically indicated within six (6) months of the surgery and is in accordance with policies established by the division, or (b) one (1) pair every five (5) years and in accordance with policies established by the division. In either instance, the eyeglasses must be prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or an optometrist, whichever the beneficiary may select.

(12) Intermediate care facility services.

(a) The division shall make full payment to all intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded for each day, not exceeding eighty-four (84) days per year, that a patient

is absent from the facility on home leave. Payment may be made for the following home leave days in addition to the eighty-four-day limitation: Christmas, the day before Christmas, the day after Christmas, Thanksgiving, the day before Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

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

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

(14) Clinic services. Such diagnostic, preventive, therapeutic, rehabilitative or palliative services furnished to an outpatient by or under the supervision of a physician or dentist in a facility that is not a part of a hospital but that is organized and operated to provide medical care to outpatients. Clinic services shall include any services reimbursed as outpatient hospital services that may be rendered in such a facility, including those that become so after July 1, 1991. On July 1, 1999, all fees for physicians' services reimbursed under authority of this paragraph (14) shall be reimbursed at ninety percent (90%) of the rate established on January 1, 1999, and as adjusted each January thereafter, under Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended), and which shall in no event be less than seventy percent (70%) of the rate established on January 1, 1994. All fees for physicians' services that are covered by both Medicare and Medicaid shall be reimbursed at ten percent (10%) of the adjusted Medicare payment established on January 1, 1999, and as adjusted each January thereafter, under Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended), and which shall in no event be less than seventy percent (70%) of the adjusted Medicare payment established on January 1, 1994. On July 1, 1999, all fees for dentists' services reimbursed under authority of this paragraph (14) shall be increased to one hundred sixty percent (160%) of the amount of the reimbursement rate that was in effect on June 30, 1999.

(15) Home- and community-based services for the elderly and disabled, as provided under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, under waivers, subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated therefor by the Legislature. * * *

(16) Mental health services. Approved therapeutic and case management services (a) provided by an approved regional mental health/retardation center established under Sections 41-19-31 through 41-19-39, or by another community mental health service provider meeting the requirements of the Department of Mental Health to be an approved mental health/retardation center if determined necessary by the Department of Mental Health, using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the State Department of Mental Health and/or funds transferred to the department by a political subdivision or instrumentality of the state and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department, or (b) provided by a facility that is certified by the State Department of Mental Health to provide therapeutic and case management services, to be reimbursed on a fee for service basis, or (c) provided in the community by a facility or program operated by the Department of Mental Health. Any such services provided by a facility described in subparagraph (b) must have the prior approval of the division to be reimbursable under this section. After June 30, 1997, mental health services provided by regional mental health/retardation centers established under Sections 41-19-31 through 41-19-39, or by hospitals as defined in Section 41-9-3(a) and/or their subsidiaries and divisions, or by psychiatric residential treatment facilities as defined in Section 43-11-1, or by another community mental health service provider meeting the requirements of the Department of Mental Health to be an approved mental health/retardation center if determined necessary by the Department of Mental Health, shall not be included in or provided under any capitated managed care pilot program provided for under paragraph (24) of this section.

(17) Durable medical equipment services and medical

supplies. Precertification of durable medical equipment and medical supplies must be obtained as required by the division. The Division of Medicaid may require durable medical equipment providers to obtain a surety bond in the amount and to the specifications as established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

(18) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the division shall make additional reimbursement to hospitals that serve a disproportionate share of low-income patients and that meet the federal requirements for those payments as provided in Section 1923 of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable regulations. However, from and after January 1, 1999, no public hospital shall participate in the Medicaid disproportionate share program unless the public hospital participates in an intergovernmental transfer program as provided in Section 1903 of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable regulations. Administration and support for participating hospitals shall be provided by the Mississippi Hospital Association.

(b) The division shall establish a Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program, as defined in Section 1902(a)(30) of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable federal regulations, for hospitals, and may establish a Medicare Upper Payments Limits Program for nursing facilities. The division shall assess each hospital and, if the program is established for nursing facilities, shall assess each nursing facility, for the sole purpose of financing the state portion of the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program. This assessment shall be based on Medicaid utilization, or other appropriate method consistent with federal regulations, and will remain in effect as long as the state participates in the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program. The division shall make additional reimbursement to hospitals and, if the program is established for nursing facilities, shall make additional reimbursement to nursing facilities, for the Medicare Upper Payment Limits, as defined in Section 1902(a)(30) of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable federal regulations. This subparagraph (b) shall stand repealed from and

after July 1, 2005.

(c) The division shall contract with the Mississippi Hospital Association to provide administrative support for the operation of the disproportionate share hospital program and the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program. This subparagraph (c) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2005.

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

(b) Early intervention system services. The division shall cooperate with the State Department of Health, acting as lead agency, in the development and implementation of a statewide system of delivery of early intervention services, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The State Department of Health shall certify annually in writing to the executive director of the division the dollar amount of state early intervention funds available that will be utilized as a certified match for Medicaid matching funds. Those funds then shall be used to provide expanded targeted case management services for Medicaid eligible children with special needs who are eligible for the state's early intervention system. Qualifications for persons providing service coordination shall be determined by the State Department of Health and the Division of Medicaid.

(20) Home- and community-based services for physically disabled approved services as allowed by a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for home- and community-based services for physically disabled people using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the State

Department of Rehabilitation Services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department, provided that funds for these services are specifically appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation Services.

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

(22) Ambulatory services delivered in federally qualified health centers, rural health centers and clinics of the local health departments of the State Department of Health for individuals eligible for Medicaid under this article based on reasonable costs as determined by the division.

(23) Inpatient psychiatric services. Inpatient psychiatric services to be determined by the division for recipients under age twenty-one (21) that are provided under the direction of a physician in an inpatient program in a licensed acute care psychiatric facility or in a licensed psychiatric residential treatment facility, before the recipient reaches age twenty-one (21) or, if the recipient was receiving the services immediately before he reached age twenty-one (21), before the earlier of the date he no longer requires the services or the date he reaches age twenty-two (22), as provided by federal regulations. Precertification of inpatient days and residential treatment days must be obtained as required by the division.

(24) [Deleted]

(25) [Deleted]

(26) Hospice care. As used in this paragraph, the term "hospice care" means a coordinated program of active professional

medical attention within the home and outpatient and inpatient care that treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit, employing a medically directed interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of severe pain or other physical symptoms and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological, spiritual, social and economic stresses that are experienced during the final stages of illness and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare requirements for participation as a hospice as provided in federal regulations.

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

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

(29) The Division of Medicaid may apply for a waiver from the Department of Health and Human Services for home- and community-based services for developmentally disabled people using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the State Department of Mental Health and/or funds transferred to the department by a political subdivision or instrumentality of the state and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department, provided that funds for these services are specifically appropriated to the Department of Mental Health and/or transferred to the department by a political subdivision or instrumentality of the state.

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

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

(32) Care and services provided in Christian Science

Sanatoria listed and certified by the Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, Inc., rendered in connection with treatment by prayer or spiritual means to the extent that those services are subject to reimbursement under Section 1903 of the Social Security Act.

(33) Podiatrist services.

(34) Assisted living services as provided through home- and community-based services under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, as amended, subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated therefor by the Legislature.

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

(36) Nonemergency transportation services for Medicaid-eligible persons, to be provided by the Division of Medicaid. The division may contract with additional entities to administer nonemergency transportation services as it deems necessary. All providers shall have a valid driver's license, vehicle inspection sticker, valid vehicle license tags and a standard liability insurance policy covering the vehicle. The division may pay providers a flat fee based on mileage tiers, or in the alternative, may reimburse on actual miles traveled. The division may apply to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a waiver to draw federal matching funds for nonemergency transportation services as a covered service instead of an administrative cost.

(37) [Deleted]

(38) Chiropractic services. A chiropractor's manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation, if x-ray demonstrates that a subluxation exists and if the subluxation has resulted in a neuromusculoskeletal condition for which manipulation is appropriate treatment, and related spinal x-rays performed to document these conditions. Reimbursement for chiropractic services shall not exceed Seven Hundred Dollars

($700.00) per year per beneficiary.

(39) Dually eligible Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries. The division shall pay the Medicare deductible and * * * coinsurance amounts for services available under Medicare, as determined by the division.

(40) [Deleted]

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

(42) Notwithstanding any other provision in this article to the contrary, the division may develop a population health management program for women and children health services through the age of one (1) year. This program is primarily for obstetrical care associated with low birth weight and pre-term babies. The division may apply to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a Section 1115 waiver or any other waivers that may enhance the program. In order to effect cost savings, the division may develop a revised payment methodology that may include at-risk capitated payments, and may require member participation in accordance with the terms and conditions of an approved federal waiver.

(43) The division shall provide reimbursement, according to a payment schedule developed by the division, for smoking cessation medications for pregnant women during their pregnancy and other Medicaid-eligible women who are of child-bearing age.

(44) Nursing facility services for the severely disabled.

(a) Severe disabilities include, but are not

limited to, spinal cord injuries, closed head injuries and ventilator dependent patients.

(b) Those services must be provided in a long-term care nursing facility dedicated to the care and treatment of persons with severe disabilities, and shall be reimbursed as a separate category of nursing facilities.

(45) Physician assistant services. Services furnished by a physician assistant who is licensed by the State Board of Medical Licensure and is practicing with physician supervision under regulations adopted by the board, under regulations adopted by the division. Reimbursement for those services shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician.

(46) The division shall make application to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a waiver to develop and provide services for children with serious emotional disturbances as defined in Section 43-14-1(1), which may include home- and community-based services, case management services or managed care services through mental health providers certified by the Department of Mental Health. The division may implement and provide services under this waivered program only if funds for these services are specifically appropriated for this purpose by the Legislature, or if funds are voluntarily provided by affected agencies.

(47) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this article to the contrary, the division, in conjunction with the State Department of Health, shall develop and implement disease management programs * * * for individuals with asthma, diabetes or hypertension, including the use of grants, waivers, demonstrations or other projects as necessary.

(b) Participation in any disease management program implemented under this paragraph (47) is optional with the individual. An individual must affirmatively elect to participate in the disease management program in order to participate.

(c) An individual who participates in the disease management program has the option of participating in the

prescription drug home delivery component of the program at any time while participating in the program. An individual must affirmatively elect to participate in the prescription drug home delivery component in order to participate.

(d) An individual who participates in the disease management program may elect to discontinue participation in the program at any time. An individual who participates in the prescription drug home delivery component may elect to discontinue participation in the prescription drug home delivery component at any time.

(e) The division shall send written notice to all individuals who participate in the disease management program informing them that they may continue using their local pharmacy or any other pharmacy of their choice to obtain their prescription drugs while participating in the program.

(f) Prescription drugs that are provided to individuals under the prescription drug home delivery component shall be limited only to those drugs that are used for the treatment, management or care of asthma, diabetes or hypertension.

(48) Pediatric long-term acute care hospital services.

(a) Pediatric long-term acute care hospital services means services provided to eligible persons under twenty-one (21) years of age by a freestanding Medicare-certified hospital that has an average length of inpatient stay greater than twenty-five (25) days and that is primarily engaged in providing chronic or long-term medical care to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(b) The services under this paragraph (48) shall be reimbursed as a separate category of hospital services.

(49) The division shall establish copayments for all Medicaid services for which copayments are allowable under federal law or regulation, except for nonemergency transportation services, and shall set the amount of the copayment for each of those services at the maximum amount allowable under federal law or regulation.

(50) Services provided by the State Department of

Rehabilitation Services for the care and rehabilitation of persons who are deaf and blind, as allowed under waivers from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to provide home- and community-based services using state funds which are provided from the appropriation to the State Department of Rehabilitation Services or if funds are voluntarily provided by another agency.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, the division shall reduce the rate of reimbursement to providers for any service provided under this section by five percent (5%) of the allowed amount for that service. However, the reduction in the reimbursement rates required by this paragraph shall not apply to inpatient hospital services, nursing facility services, intermediate care facility services, psychiatric residential treatment facility services, pharmacy services provided under paragraph (9) of this section, or any service provided by the University of Mississippi Medical Center or a state agency, a state facility or a public agency that either provides its own state match through intergovernmental transfer or certification of funds to the division, or a service for which the federal government sets the reimbursement methodology and rate. In addition, the reduction in the reimbursement rates required by this paragraph shall not apply to case management services * * * provided under the home- and community-based services program for the elderly and disabled by a planning and development district (PDD). Planning and development districts participating in the home- and community-based services program for the elderly and disabled as case management providers shall be reimbursed for case management services at the maximum rate approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). PDDs shall transfer to the division state match from public funds (not federal) in an amount equal to the difference between the maximum case management reimbursement rate approved by CMS and a five percent (5%) reduction in that rate. The division shall invoice each PDD fifteen (15) days after the end of each quarter for the intergovernmental transfer based on payments made for Medicaid home- and community-based case management services during the

quarter.

The division may pay to those providers who participate in and accept patient referrals from the division's emergency room redirection program a percentage, as determined by the division, of savings achieved according to the performance measures and reduction of costs required of that program.

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

Notwithstanding any provision of this article, no new groups or categories of recipients and new types of care and services may be added without enabling legislation from the Mississippi Legislature, except that the division may authorize those changes without enabling legislation when the addition of recipients or services is ordered by a court of proper authority. The executive director shall keep the Governor advised on a timely basis of the funds available for expenditure and the projected expenditures. If current or projected expenditures of the division can be reasonably anticipated to exceed the amounts appropriated for any fiscal year, the Governor, after consultation with the executive director, shall discontinue any or all of the payment of the types of care and services as provided in this section that are deemed to be optional services under Title XIX of the federal Social

Security Act, as amended, for any period necessary to not exceed appropriated funds, and when necessary shall institute any other cost containment measures on any program or programs authorized under the article to the extent allowed under the federal law governing that program or programs, it being the intent of the Legislature that expenditures during any fiscal year shall not exceed the amounts appropriated for that fiscal year.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, it shall be the duty of each nursing facility, intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded, psychiatric residential treatment facility, and nursing facility for the severely disabled that is participating in the Medicaid program to keep and maintain books, documents and other records as prescribed by the Division of Medicaid in substantiation of its cost reports for a period of three (3) years after the date of submission to the Division of Medicaid of an original cost report, or three (3) years after the date of submission to the Division of Medicaid of an amended cost report.

This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2004.

SECTION 4. Section 43-13-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-13-107. (1) The Division of Medicaid is created in the Office of the Governor and established to administer this article and perform such other duties as are prescribed by law.

(2) (a) The Governor shall appoint a full-time executive director, with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall be either (i) a physician with administrative experience in a medical care or health program, or (ii) a person holding a graduate degree in medical care administration, public health, hospital administration, or the equivalent, or (iii) a person holding a bachelor's degree in business administration or hospital administration, with at least ten (10) years' experience in management-level administration of Medicaid programs, and who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor. The executive director shall be the official secretary and legal custodian of the records of the division; shall be the agent of

the division for the purpose of receiving all service of process, summons and notices directed to the division; and shall perform such other duties as the Governor may prescribe from time to time.

(b) The executive director, with the approval of the Governor and subject to the rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board, shall employ such professional, administrative, stenographic, secretarial, clerical and technical assistance as may be necessary to perform the duties required in administering this article and fix the compensation therefor, all in accordance with a state merit system meeting federal requirements when the salary of the executive director is not set by law, that salary shall be set by the State Personnel Board. No employees of the Division of Medicaid shall be considered to be staff members of the immediate Office of the Governor; however, the provisions of Section 25-9-107(c)(xv) shall apply to the executive director and other administrative heads of the division.

(3) (a) There is established a Medical Care Advisory Committee, which shall be the committee that is required by federal regulation to advise the Division of Medicaid about health and medical care services.

(b) The advisory committee shall consist of not less than eleven (11) members, as follows:

(i) The Governor shall appoint five (5) members, one (1) from each congressional district and one (1) from the state at large;

(ii) The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint three (3) members, one (1) from each Supreme Court district;

(iii) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three (3) members, one (1) from each Supreme Court district.

All members appointed under this paragraph shall either be health care providers or consumers of health care services. One (1) member appointed by each of the appointing authorities shall be a board certified physician.

(c) The respective chairmen of the House Public Health

and Welfare Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, or their designees, one (1) member of the State Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and one (1) member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the advisory committee.

(d) In addition to the committee members required by paragraph (b), the advisory committee shall consist of such other members as are necessary to meet the requirements of the federal regulation applicable to the advisory committee, who shall be appointed as provided in the federal regulation.

(e) The chairmanship of the advisory committee shall alternate for twelve-month periods between the chairmen of the House and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committees, with the Chairman of the House Public Health and Welfare Committee serving as the first chairman.

(f) The members of the advisory committee specified in paragraph (b) shall serve for terms that are concurrent with the terms of members of the Legislature, and any member appointed under paragraph (b) may be reappointed to the advisory committee. The members of the advisory committee specified in paragraph (b) shall serve without compensation, but shall receive reimbursement to defray actual expenses incurred in the performance of committee business as authorized by law. Legislators shall receive per diem and expenses which may be paid from the contingent expense funds of their respective houses in the same amounts as provided for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in session.

(g) The advisory committee shall meet not less than quarterly, and advisory committee members shall be furnished written notice of the meetings at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting.

(h) The executive director shall submit to the advisory committee all amendments, modifications and changes to the state plan for the operation of the Medicaid program, for review by the advisory committee before the amendments, modifications or changes

may be implemented by the division.

(i) The advisory committee, among its duties and responsibilities, shall:

(i) Advise the division with respect to amendments, modifications and changes to the state plan for the operation of the Medicaid program;

(ii) Advise the division with respect to issues concerning receipt and disbursement of funds and eligibility for Medicaid;

(iii) Advise the division with respect to determining the quantity, quality and extent of medical care provided under this article;

(iv) Communicate the views of the medical care professions to the division and communicate the views of the division to the medical care professions;

(v) Gather information on reasons that medical care providers do not participate in the Medicaid program and changes that could be made in the program to encourage more providers to participate in the Medicaid program, and advise the division with respect to encouraging physicians and other medical care providers to participate in the Medicaid program;

(vi) Provide a written report on or before November 30 of each year to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(4) (a) There is established a Drug Use Review Board, which shall be the board that is required by federal law to:

(i) Review and initiate retrospective drug use, review including ongoing periodic examination of claims data and other records in order to identify patterns of fraud, abuse, gross overuse, or inappropriate or medically unnecessary care, among physicians, pharmacists and individuals receiving Medicaid benefits or associated with specific drugs or groups of drugs.

(ii) Review and initiate ongoing interventions for physicians and pharmacists, targeted toward therapy problems or individuals identified in the course of retrospective drug use reviews.

(iii) On an ongoing basis, assess data on drug use against explicit predetermined standards using the compendia and literature set forth in federal law and regulations.

(b) The board shall consist of not less than twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor, or his designee.

(c) The board shall meet at least quarterly, and board members shall be furnished written notice of the meetings at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting.

(d) The board meetings shall be open to the public, members of the press, legislators and consumers. Additionally, all documents provided to board members shall be available to members of the Legislature in the same manner, and shall be made available to others for a reasonable fee for copying. However, patient confidentiality and provider confidentiality shall be protected by blinding patient names and provider names with numerical or other anonymous identifiers. The board meetings shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act (Section 25-41-1 et seq.). Board meetings conducted in violation of this section shall be deemed unlawful.

(5) (a) There is established a Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, which shall be appointed by the Governor, or his designee.

(b) The committee shall meet at least quarterly, and committee members shall be furnished written notice of the meetings at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting.

(c) The committee meetings shall be open to the public, members of the press, legislators and consumers. Additionally, all documents provided to committee members shall be available to members of the Legislature in the same manner, and shall be made available to others for a reasonable fee for copying. However, patient confidentiality and provider confidentiality shall be protected by blinding patient names and provider names with numerical or other anonymous identifiers. The committee meetings shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act (Section 25-41-1 et seq.). Committee meetings conducted in violation of this section shall be deemed unlawful.

(d) After a thirty-day public notice, the executive director or his or her designee shall present the division's recommendation regarding prior approval for a therapeutic class of drugs to the committee. However, in circumstances where the division deems it necessary for the health and safety of Medicaid beneficiaries, the division may present to the committee its recommendations regarding a particular drug without a thirty-day public notice. In making such presentation, the division shall state to the committee the circumstances which precipitate the need for the committee to review the status of a particular drug without a thirty-day public notice. The committee may determine whether or not to review the particular drug under the circumstances stated by the division without a thirty-day public notice. If the committee determines to review the status of the particular drug, it shall make its recommendations to the division, after which the division shall file such recommendations for a thirty-day public comment under the provisions of Section 25-43-7(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

(e) Upon reviewing the information and recommendations, the committee shall forward a written recommendation approved by a majority of the committee to the executive director or his or her designee. The decisions of the committee regarding any limitations to be imposed on any drug or its use for a specified indication shall be based on sound clinical evidence found in labeling, drug compendia, and peer reviewed clinical literature pertaining to use of the drug in the relevant population.

(f) Upon reviewing and considering all recommendations including recommendation of the committee, comments, and data, the executive director shall make a final determination whether to require prior approval of a therapeutic class of drugs, or modify existing prior approval requirements for a therapeutic class of drugs.

(g) At least thirty (30) days before the executive director implements new or amended prior authorization decisions, written notice of the executive director's decision shall be provided to all prescribing Medicaid providers, all Medicaid

enrolled pharmacies, and any other party who has requested the notification. However, notice given under Section 25-43-7(1) will substitute for and meet the requirement for notice under this subsection.

(6) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2004.

SECTION 5. Section 43-13-122, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-13-122. (1) The division is authorize to apply to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services for waivers and research and demonstration grants *** * ***.

(2) The division is further authorized to accept and expend any grants, donations or contributions from any public or private organization together with any additional federal matching funds that may accrue and including, but not limited to, one hundred percent (100%) federal grant funds or funds from any governmental entity or instrumentality thereof in furthering the purposes and objectives of the Mississippi Medicaid program, provided that such receipts and expenditures are reported and otherwise handled in accordance with the General Fund Stabilization Act. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to transfer monies to the division from special funds in the State Treasury in amounts not exceeding the amounts authorized in the appropriation to the division.

SECTION 6. Section 43-13-145, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-13-145. (1) (a) Upon each nursing facility and each intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded licensed by the State of Mississippi, there is levied an assessment in the amount of Four Dollars ($4.00) per day for each licensed and/or certified bed of the facility. The division may apply for a waiver from the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to exempt nonprofit, public, charitable or religious facilities from the assessment levied under this subsection, and if a waiver is granted, those facilities shall be exempt from any assessment levied under this subsection after the date that the

division receives notice that the waiver has been granted.

(b) A nursing facility or intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded is exempt from the assessment levied under this subsection if the facility is operated under the direction and control of:

(i) The United States Veterans Administration or other agency or department of the United States government;

(ii) The State Veterans Affairs Board;

(iii) The University of Mississippi Medical Center; or

(iv) A state agency or a state facility that either provides its own state match through intergovernmental transfer or certification of funds to the division.

(2) (a) Upon each psychiatric residential treatment facility licensed by the State of Mississippi, there is levied an assessment in the amount of Three Dollars ($3.00) per day for each licensed and/or certified bed of the facility.

(b) A psychiatric residential treatment facility is exempt from the assessment levied under this subsection if the facility is operated under the direction and control of:

(i) The United States Veterans Administration or other agency or department of the United States government;

(ii) The University of Mississippi Medical Center;

(iii) A state agency or a state facility that either provides its own state match through intergovernmental transfer or certification of funds to the division.

(3) (a) Upon each hospital licensed by the State of Mississippi, there is levied an assessment in the amount of One Dollar and Fifty Cents ($1.50) per day for each licensed inpatient acute care bed of the hospital.

(b) A hospital is exempt from the assessment levied under this subsection if the hospital is operated under the direction and control of:

(i) The United States Veterans Administration or other agency or department of the United States government;

(ii) The University of Mississippi Medical Center;

or

(iii) A state agency or a state facility that either provides its own state match through intergovernmental transfer or certification of funds to the division.

(4) Each health care facility that is subject to the provisions of this section shall keep and preserve such suitable books and records as may be necessary to determine the amount of assessment for which it is liable under this section. The books and records shall be kept and preserved for a period of not less than five (5) years, and those books and records shall be open for examination during business hours by the division, the State Tax Commission, the Office of the Attorney General and the State Department of Health.

(5) The assessment levied under this section shall be collected by the division each month beginning on April 12, 2002.

(6) All assessments collected under this section shall be deposited in the Medical Care Fund created by Section 43-13-143.

(7) The assessment levied under this section shall be in addition to any other assessments, taxes or fees levied by law, and the assessment shall constitute a debt due the State of Mississippi from the time the assessment is due until it is paid.

(8) (a) If a health care facility that is liable for payment of the assessment levied under this section does not pay the assessment when it is due, the division shall give written notice to the health care facility by certified or registered mail demanding payment of the assessment within ten (10) days from the date of delivery of the notice. If the health care facility fails or refuses to pay the assessment after receiving the notice and demand from the division, the division shall withhold from any Medicaid reimbursement payments that are due to the health care facility the amount of the unpaid assessment and a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the assessment, plus the legal rate of interest until the assessment is paid in full. If the health care facility does not participate in the Medicaid program, the division shall turn over to the Office of the Attorney General the collection of the unpaid assessment by civil action. In any such

civil action, the Office of the Attorney General shall collect the amount of the unpaid assessment and a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the assessment, plus the legal rate of interest until the assessment is paid in full.

(b) As an additional or alternative method for collecting unpaid assessments under this section, if a health care facility fails or refuses to pay the assessment after receiving notice and demand from the division, the division may file a notice of a tax lien with the circuit clerk of the county in which the health care facility is located, for the amount of the unpaid assessment and a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the assessment, plus the legal rate of interest until the assessment is paid in full. Immediately upon receipt of notice of the tax lien for the assessment, the circuit clerk shall enter the notice of the tax lien as a judgment upon the judgment roll and show in the appropriate columns the name of the health care facility as judgment debtor, the name of the division as judgment creditor, the amount of the unpaid assessment, and the date and time or enrollment. The judgment shall be valid as against mortgagees, pledgees, entrusters, purchasers, judgment creditors and other persons from the time of filing with the clerk. The amount of the judgment shall be a debt due the State of Mississippi and remain a lien upon the tangible property of the health care facility until the judgment is satisfied. The judgment shall be the equivalent of any enrolled judgment of a court of record and shall serve as authority for the issuance of writs of execution, writs of attachment or other remedial writs.

SECTION 7. Section 43-13-115.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, which provides presumptive eligibility for certain participants in the Medicaid program, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. Section 41-86-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-86-15. (1) Persons eligible to receive covered benefits under Sections 41-86-5 through 41-86-17 shall be low-income children who meet the eligibility standards set forth in the plan. Any person who is eligible for benefits under the Mississippi

Medicaid Law, Section 43-13-101 et seq., shall not be eligible to receive benefits under Sections 41-86-5 through 41-86-17. A person who is without insurance coverage at the time of application for the program and who meets the other eligibility criteria in the plan shall be eligible to receive covered benefits under the program, if federal approval is obtained to allow eligibility with no waiting period of being without insurance coverage. If federal approval is not obtained for the preceding provision, the Division of Medicaid shall seek federal approval to allow eligibility after the shortest waiting period of being without insurance coverage for which approval can be obtained. After federal approval is obtained to allow eligibility after a certain waiting period of being without insurance coverage, a person who has been without insurance coverage for the approved waiting period and who meets the other eligibility criteria in the plan shall be eligible to receive covered benefits under the program. If the plan includes any waiting period of being without insurance coverage before eligibility, the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board shall adopt regulations to provide exceptions to the waiting period for families who have lost insurance coverage for good cause or through no fault of their own.

(2) The eligibility of children for covered benefits under the program shall be determined annually by the same agency or entity that determines eligibility under Section 43-13-115(9) and shall cover twelve (12) continuous months under the program.

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SECTION 9. As used in Sections 9 through 13 of this act, the following terms have the following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Board" means the State Board of Pharmacy.

(b) "Health care facility" means any of the following:

(i) A hospital as defined under Section 41-9-3;

(ii) An institution for the aged or infirm as defined in Section 43-11-1;

(iii) A hospice as defined in Section 41-85-3;

(c) "Hospital" has the meaning as defined in Section 41-9-3.

(d) "Nonprofit clinic" means a charitable nonprofit corporation organized and operated under Section 79-11-101 et seq., or any charitable organization not organized and not operated for profit, that provides health care services to indigent and uninsured persons. "Nonprofit clinic" does not include a health care facility as defined in this section or a facility that is operated for profit.

(e) "Pharmacy" has the meaning as defined under Section 73-21-73.

(f) "Prescription drug" means any drug to which the following applies:

(i) Under the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended (21 USCS Section 301), the drug is required to bear a label containing the legend, "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription" or "Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to be used by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian" or any similar restrictive statement, or the drug may be dispensed only upon a prescription.

(ii) Under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, (Section 41-29-101 et seq.), the drug may be dispensed only upon a prescription.

SECTION 10. (1) Not later than January 1, 2005, the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Department of Health jointly shall establish a plan for a drug repository program to accept and dispense prescription drugs donated for the purpose of being dispensed to individuals who meet the eligibility standards established in the rules adopted by the board under Section 13 of this act. The plan shall be submitted to the Chairmen of the Public Health and Welfare Committees of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Senate for their review. Under the drug repository program:

(a) Only drugs in their original sealed and tamper-evident packaging may be accepted and dispensed.

(b) The packaging must be unopened, except that drugs

packaged in single unit doses may be accepted and dispensed when the outside packaging is opened if the single unit dose packaging is undisturbed.

(c) The drugs must have been properly stored such that the integrity of the medicine remains intact.

(d) A drug shall not be accepted or dispensed if there is reason to believe that it is adulterated as described in Section 75-29-3.

(e) Subject to the limitation specified in this subsection, unused drugs dispensed for the purposes of the Medicaid program may be accepted and dispensed.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as prohibiting a pharmacy from accepting drugs that are not eligible to be dispensed under the drug repository program, for the proper disposal of those drugs.

(3) The drug repository program shall be fully implemented not later than July 1, 2005.

SECTION 11. (1) Any person, including a drug manufacturer, health care facility or government entity may donate prescription drugs to the drug repository program. The drugs must be donated at a pharmacy, hospital, or nonprofit clinic that participates in the drug repository program under the criteria for participation established in the rules adopted by the board under Section 13 of this act.

(2) A pharmacy, hospital, or nonprofit clinic that participates in the drug repository program shall dispense drugs donated under this section to individuals who meet the eligibility standards established in the rules adopted by the board under Section 13 of this act, or to other government entities and nonprofit private entities to be dispensed to individuals who meet the eligibility standards. A drug may be dispensed only pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed practitioner as defined in Section 73-21-73. A pharmacy, hospital, or nonprofit clinic that accepts donated drugs shall comply with all applicable federal laws and laws of this state dealing with storage and distribution of dangerous drugs, and shall inspect all drugs before dispensing

them to determine that they are not adulterated. The pharmacy, hospital, or nonprofit clinic may charge individuals receiving donated drugs a handling fee established in accordance with the rules adopted by the board under Section 13 of this act. Drugs donated to the repository may not be resold.

SECTION 12. (1) As used in this section, the term "health care professional" means any of the following:

(a) Physicians and osteopaths licensed under Section 73-25-1 et seq.;

(b) Podiatrists licensed under Section 73-27-1 et seq.;

(c) Dentists and dental hygienists licensed under Section 73-9-1 et seq.;

(d) Optometrists licensed under Section 73-19-1 et seq.;

(e) Pharmacists licensed under Section 73-21-71 et seq.;

(f) Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses licensed under Section 73-15-1 et seq.; and

(g) Physician assistants licensed under Section 73-26-1 et seq.

(2) The State Board of Pharmacy; the State Department of Health; the Division of Medicaid; any person, including a drug manufacturer, or health care facility or government entity that donates drugs to the repository program; any pharmacy, hospital, nonprofit clinic or health care professional that accepts or dispenses drugs under the program; and any pharmacy, hospital, or nonprofit clinic that employs a health care professional who accepts or dispenses drugs under the program, shall not be subject to any of the following for matters related to donating, accepting, or dispensing drugs under the program: criminal prosecution; liability in tort or other civil action or professional disciplinary action.

A drug manufacturer shall not, be subject to criminal prosecution or liability in tort or other civil action for matters related to the donation, acceptance, or dispensing of a drug manufactured by the drug manufacturer that is donated by any

person, health care facility or government entity under the program, including, but not limited to, liability for failure to transfer or communicate product or consumer information, or for improper storage or for the expiration date of the donated drug.

SECTION 13. (1) Not later than January 1, 2005, the State Board of Pharmacy, in consultation with the State Department of Health, shall adopt rules, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Law (Section 25-43-1 et seq.), governing the drug repository program that establish all of the following:

(a) Eligibility criteria for pharmacies, hospitals and nonprofit clinics to receive and dispense donated drugs under the program;

(b) Standards and procedures for accepting, safely storing and dispensing donated drugs;

(c) Standards and procedures for inspecting donated drugs to determine that the original unit dose packaging is sealed and tamper-evident and that the drugs are unadulterated, safe and suitable for dispensing;

(d) Eligibility standards based on economic need for individuals to receive drugs;

(e) A means, such as an identification card, by which an individual who is eligible to receive donated drugs may demonstrate eligibility to the pharmacy, hospital, or nonprofit clinic dispensing the drugs;

(f) A form that an individual receiving a drug from the repository must sign before receiving the drug to confirm that the individual understands the immunity provisions of the program, and waiving all right to sue any individual or entity involved in the program;

(g) A formula to determine the amount of a handling fee that pharmacies, hospitals and nonprofit clinics may charge to drug recipients to cover restocking and dispensing costs;

(h) In addition, for drugs donated to the repository by individuals:

(i) A list of drugs, arranged either by category or by individual drug, that the repository will accept from

individuals;

(ii) A list of drugs, arranged either by category or by individual drug, that the repository will not accept from individuals. The list must include a statement as to why the drug is ineligible for donation; and

(iii) A form each donor must sign stating that the donor is the owner of the drugs and intends to voluntarily donate them to the repository;

(i) In addition, for drugs donated to the repository by health care facilities or government entities:

(i) A list of drugs, arranged either by category or by individual drug, that the repository will accept from health care facilities or government entities; and

(ii) A list of drugs, arranged either by category or by individual drug, that the repository will not accept from health care facilities or government entities. The list must include a statement as to why the drug is ineligible for donation; and

(j) Any other standards and procedures the board considers appropriate.

(2) The provisions of paragraphs (h)(ii) and (i)(ii) of subsection (1) of this section shall not be construed as prohibiting a pharmacy from accepting drugs that are not eligible to be dispensed under the drug repository program, for the proper disposal of those drugs.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-113, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO OBTAIN A LINE OF CREDIT FROM THE WORKING CASH-STABILIZATION FUND OR OTHER SPECIAL SOURCE FUNDS FOR BUDGET SHORTFALLS; TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-115, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAID ASSISTANCE, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO APPLY FOR APPLICABLE WAIVERS FOR BENEFITS AND BUY-IN OPTIONS FOR THE DISABLED CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME AND POVERTY LEVEL AGED AND DISABLED (PLADS) ELIGIBILITY CATEGORIES AND TO ESTABLISH AN EXPENDITURE/ENROLLMENT CAP FOR THESE CATEGORIES; TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO DEVELOP AN ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES AND DELETE THE REFERRAL PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION PROCESS, TO DELETE THE

NECESSITY TO COMPARE HOME HEALTH COSTS TO NURSING FACILITY SERVICES FOR REIMBURSEMENT, TO DELETE AUTHORITY FOR THE DIVISION TO OPT OUT OF THE FEDERAL DRUG REBATE PROGRAM AND CREATE A CLOSED DRUG FORMULARY, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ANTIPSYCHOTIC DRUGS SHALL BE INCLUDED IN ANY PREFERRED DRUG LIST DEVELOPED BY THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID AND SHALL NOT REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT, TO ALLOW A DISPENSING FEE FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS, TO DELETE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER PROGRAM, TO DIRECT THE DIVISION TO PAY A FLAT FEE FOR NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE REIMBURSE ACTUAL MILES TRAVELED AND TO APPLY FOR WAIVERS TO DRAW FEDERAL FUNDS FOR NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AS A COVERED SERVICE, TO DELETE THE AUTHORITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR BIRTHING CENTER SERVICES, TO CLARIFY THE ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES WAIVER PROVISION, TO GIVE THE DIVISION DISCRETION IN PAYING MEDICARE COINSURANCE AMOUNTS, TO AUTHORIZE CHILDREN UP TO TWO YEARS OF AGE FOR THE OBSTETRICAL CARE WAIVER PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS IN THE DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MUST AFFIRMATIVELY ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM MUST AFFIRMATIVELY ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG HOME DELIVERY COMPONENT; TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM MAY ELECT TO DISCONTINUE PARTICIPATION AT ANY TIME, AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG HOME DELIVERY COMPONENT MAY ELECT TO DISCONTINUE PARTICIPATION AT ANY TIME; TO REMOVE THE 5% REIMBURSEMENT REDUCTION FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES UNDER THE HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM PROVIDED BY A PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AND TO PRESCRIBE A RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES AND A FUNDS TRANSFER REQUIREMENT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO MAKE CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM REDIRECTION PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-122, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE CERTAIN OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO SUBMIT EMERGENCY DRUG ISSUES TO THE PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE PER BED ASSESSMENT LEVIED UPON NURSING FACILITIES FOR SUPPORT OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM; TO REPEAL SECTION 43-13-115.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEDICAID PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 41-86-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE AUTHORITY FOR PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP); TO ESTABLISH UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY A DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM TO ACCEPT AND DISPENSE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DONATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING DISPENSED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL BE DEVELOPED JOINTLY BY THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR DRUGS TO BE ACCEPTED AND DISPENSED UNDER THE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN IMMUNITY TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM WILL BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2005; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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