

By: Representative Ishee

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 72

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-41-417, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS SHALL NOT
3 DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO IS LOCATED
4 WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE
5 ORGANIZATION AND WHO IS WILLING TO MEET THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS
6 FOR PARTICIPATION ESTABLISHED BY THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE
7 ORGANIZATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 83-41-417, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 83-41-417. A health maintenance organization as defined in
12 Section 83-41-303, and a managed care entity as defined in Section
13 83-41-403, shall establish procedures to give interested health
14 care providers located in the geographic area served an
15 opportunity to apply for participation. A health maintenance
16 organization as defined in Section 83-41-303 shall not
17 discriminate against any provider as defined in Section
18 83-41-303(v) who is located within the geographic coverage area of
19 the health maintenance organization and who is willing to meet the
20 terms and conditions for participation established by the health
21 maintenance organization.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2004.