

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2720

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-9-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EMPOWER THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REQUIRE LICENSED
3 HOSPITALS TO REPORT OUTCOME PERFORMANCE RATINGS FOR PROVIDING
4 CERTAIN CORE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT PROCEDURES; TO AUTHORIZE
5 THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI HOSPITAL
6 ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE NECESSARY TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATIVE
7 SUPPORT FOR LICENSED HOSPITALS TO COMPLY WITH SUCH OUTCOME CORE
8 PERFORMANCE REPORTING STANDARDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-9-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 41-9-17. (1) The licensing agency shall adopt, amend,
13 promulgate and enforce such rules, regulations and standards with
14 respect to all hospitals to be licensed under Section 41-9-11 as
15 may be designed to further the accomplishment of the purposes of
16 Sections 41-9-1 through 41-9-35 in promoting safe and adequate
17 treatment of individuals in hospitals in the interest of public
18 health, safety and welfare. Any rule, regulation or standard
19 adopted hereunder shall be considered as promulgated and effective
20 from and after the time the same is recorded and indexed in a book
21 to be maintained by the licensing agency in its main office in the
22 State of Mississippi, entitled "Minimum Standard of Operation for
23 Mississippi Hospitals." Said book shall be open and available to
24 all hospitals and the public generally at all reasonable times.
25 Upon the adoption of any such rule, regulation or standard, the
26 licensing agency shall mail copies thereof to all hospitals in the
27 state which have filed with said agency their names and addresses
28 for this purpose, but the failure to mail the same or the failure
29 of the hospital to receive the same shall in nowise affect the
30 validity thereof. No such rules, regulations or standards shall

31 be adopted or enforced which would have the effect of denying a
32 license to a hospital or other institution required to be
33 licensed, solely by reason of the school or system of practice
34 employed or permitted to be employed therein.

35 (2) Beginning July 1, 2005, the State Board of Health shall
36 promulgate rules and regulations requiring licensed hospitals to
37 meet minimum standards and publish outcome performance ratings for
38 equipment, procedures and records which are required on a
39 voluntary basis by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of
40 Healthcare Organizations for the following core procedures that
41 are considered crucial for proper treatment of emergency medical
42 conditions:

43 (a) Heart attack procedures:

44 (i) Administer aspirin on arrival at hospital and
45 discharge;

46 (ii) Administer beta blocker drug on arrival and
47 discharge to stabilize heartbeat; and

48 (iii) Administer ACE inhibitor drug to widen blood
49 vessels and reduce strain on the heart;

50 (b) Congestive heart failure procedures:

51 (i) Assess the functioning of heart's left
52 ventricle; and

53 (ii) Administer ACE inhibitor drug; and

54 (c) Pneumonia procedures:

55 (i) Administer first antibiotic dose within four
56 (4) hours of arrival at hospital;

57 (ii) Vaccinate against pneumococcal bacteria; and

58 (iii) Measure levels of oxygen in blood.

59 The State Board of Health shall contract with the Mississippi
60 Hospital Association to provide necessary training and
61 administrative support for each licensed hospital to comply with
62 said outcome performance standards, and shall publish an annual

63 report to the Legislature rating each licensed hospital on quality
64 of compliance with said standards.

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