

By: Representative Moak

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 615

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AS A REQUIREMENT FOR DOING BUSINESS IN  
2 THIS STATE, EVERY INSURANCE CARRIER SHALL EITHER INFORM ALL OF ITS  
3 POLICYHOLDERS OF THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE CHILDREN'S  
4 HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM OR OFFER COVERAGE THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY  
5 THE SAME AS THAT PROVIDED UNDER THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE  
6 PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** As a requirement for doing business in this  
9 state, every insurance carrier shall either inform all its  
10 policyholders of the benefits available under the Children's  
11 Health Insurance Program as provided in Section 41-86-1 et seq.,  
12 or offer coverage that is substantially the same as that provided  
13 to families with eligible children under the Children's Health  
14 Insurance Program.

15 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
16 and after July 1, 2005.