

By: Representative Moore

To: Insurance; Public Health
and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 853

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION
2 83-9-26, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN HEALTH
3 INSURANCE POLICIES OR PLANS SHALL PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR
4 PODIATRY SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following section shall be codified as

7 Section 83-9-26, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 83-9-26. Whenever any policy of insurance or any medical
9 service plan or hospital service contract or hospital and medical
10 service contract issued in this state provides for reimbursement
11 for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a
12 duly licensed podiatrist as defined in Section 73-27-1, then such
13 service may be performed by a duly licensed podiatrist, and the
14 insured or other person entitled to benefits under such policy,
15 plan or contract shall be entitled to reimbursement for such
16 services. The insured shall have the right to choose the
17 podiatrist to perform such services.

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