

By: Representatives Holland, Morris, Flaggs

To: Medicaid

HOUSE BILL NO. 229

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID SHALL DESIGN
2 AND IMPLEMENT A TEMPORARY PROGRAM TO PROVIDE NONEMERGENCY
3 TRANSPORTATION FOR CERTAIN KIDNEY DIALYSIS PATIENTS; TO PROVIDE
4 THAT THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY BE PROVIDED
5 BY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS, AND THE DIVISION
6 SHALL REIMBURSE THOSE ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
7 A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON REIMBURSEMENT SCHEDULE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
8 PROGRAM IS NOT PART OF OR CONNECTED TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND
9 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Division of Medicaid shall design and
12 implement a temporary program to provide nonemergency
13 transportation to locations for necessary dialysis services for
14 end stage renal disease patients who are sixty-five (65) years of
15 age or older or are disabled as determined under Section
16 1614(a)(3) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, whose
17 income does not exceed one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of
18 the nonfarm official poverty level as defined by the Office of
19 Management and Budget, and whose resources do not exceed those
20 established by the division.

21 (2) The transportation services under the program may be
22 provided by public or private entities and individuals, including,
23 but not limited to, family members of the patients and faith-based
24 organizations, and the division shall reimburse those entities and
25 individuals for providing the transportation services in
26 accordance with a mutually agreed upon reimbursement schedule.

27 (3) The program shall be funded from monies that are
28 appropriated or otherwise made available to the division.

29 (4) The program is a separate program that is not part of or
30 connected to the Medicaid program, and the relationship of the
31 division to the program is only as the administering agent.

32 (5) This section shall stand repealed on March 31, 2006.

33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after its passage.