

By: Representatives Holland, Morris, Flaggs, To: Medicaid  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 229  
(As Passed the House)

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 as of December 31, 2005.

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32           (5) This section shall stand repealed on March 31, 2006.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