

By: Representative Scott

To: Medicaid

HOUSE BILL NO. 860

1 AN ACT TO SET UP A PILOT PROGRAM AT THE MAIN SITES OF THE
2 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS IN MISSISSIPPI TO PROVIDE
3 AFTER-HOURS CARE TO MEDICAID RECIPIENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT EACH
4 HEALTH CENTER SHALL COLLECT DATA ON THE MEDICAID PATIENTS THAT
5 RECEIVE SERVICES DURING THE AFTER-HOURS SCHEDULE OF THE CENTER AND
6 THE MEDICAID PATIENTS REFERRED OR DIRECTED TO EMERGENCY ROOMS
7 DURING THE AFTER-HOURS SCHEDULE OF THE CENTER; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
8 HEALTH CENTERS SHALL PROVIDE THAT DATA TO THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID
9 AFTER THE END OF THE PILOT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIVISION
10 SHALL COMPILE THAT DATA INTO A REPORT FOR THE LEGISLATURE SHOWING
11 WHETHER THE PILOT PROGRAM DEMONSTRATED ANY COST SAVINGS TO THE
12 MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

14 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is established a two-year pilot
15 program at the main sites of the federally qualified health
16 centers in Mississippi to provide after-hours care to Medicaid
17 recipients. Under the pilot program, the health centers shall set
18 up a fast-track program for care and treatment for Medicaid
19 recipients, and shall provide primary health care services to
20 Medicaid recipients using the same criteria as those used by the
21 MEA Medical Clinics. If the medical needs of a Medicaid patient
22 are beyond the capability of the health center to provide, the
23 center shall refer or direct the patient to a hospital emergency
24 room.

25 (2) Each health center shall collect data on the number of
26 Medicaid patients that receive services during the after-hours
27 schedule of the center and the types of services provided to those
28 patients, and the number of Medicaid patients referred or directed
29 to emergency rooms during the after-hours schedule of the center
30 and the conditions of those patients that required emergency room
31 care. The health centers shall provide that data to the Division
32 of Medicaid after the end of the pilot program, and the division

33 shall compile that data into a report for the Legislature showing
34 whether the pilot program demonstrated any cost savings to the
35 Medicaid program.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2006.