

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Medicaid; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1471

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 303, LAWS OF 2006, TO
2 INCLUDE CERTAIN CANCER PATIENTS IN THE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE
3 DIVISION OF MEDICAID THAT PROVIDES NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION FOR
4 CERTAIN KIDNEY DIALYSIS PATIENTS; TO REMOVE THE REPEALER ON THAT
5 SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 303, LAWS OF 2006, TO
6 CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Chapter 303, Laws of 2006, is
9 amended as follows:

10 Section 1. (1) The Division of Medicaid shall immediately
11 design and implement a temporary program to provide nonemergency
12 transportation to locations for necessary dialysis services for
13 end stage renal disease patients, and to provide nonemergency
14 transportation to locations for necessary chemotherapy services
15 for cancer patients, for those persons who are sixty-five (65)
16 years of age or older or are disabled as determined under Section
17 1614(a)(3) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, whose
18 income did not exceed one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of
19 the nonfarm official poverty level as defined by the Office of
20 Management and Budget, and whose resources did not exceed those
21 established by the division as of December 31, 2005, whose
22 eligibility was covered under the former category of eligibility
23 known as PLADs (Poverty Level Aged and Disabled).

24 (2) The transportation services under the program shall be
25 provided by any reasonable provider, which may include (a) public
26 entities or (b) private entities and individuals who are in the
27 business of providing nonemergency transportation, including
28 faith-based organizations, and the division shall reimburse those
29 entities and individuals or faith-based organizations for

30 providing the transportation services in accordance with a
31 mutually agreed upon reimbursement schedule.

32 (3) The program shall be funded from monies that are
33 appropriated or otherwise made available to the division. The
34 funds shall be appropriated to the division specifically to cover
35 the cost of this program and shall not be a part of the division's
36 regular appropriation for the operation of the federal-state
37 Medicaid program.

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

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42 **SECTION 2.** Section 2 of Chapter 303, Laws of 2006, is
43 amended as follows:

44 Section 2. The division is authorized to seek approval from
45 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a waiver
46 or grant to cover those individuals identified to receive services
47 under Section 1 of House Bill No. _____, 2007 Regular Session, as
48 allowed by federal law. The division is also authorized to
49 explore other options for administering and providing services
50 under this program, including, but not limited to, grants to
51 nonprofit organizations.

52 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
53 and after its passage.