

By: Representatives Dedeaux, Reynolds,  
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To: Medicaid

## HOUSE BILL NO. 67

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 303, LAWS OF 2006, AS  
2 AMENDED BY CHAPTER 412, LAWS OF 2007, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER FROM  
3 JUNE 30, 2008, TO JUNE 30, 2010, ON THE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY  
4 THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID THAT PROVIDES NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION  
5 FOR CERTAIN DIALYSIS PATIENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 1, Chapter 303, Laws of 2006, as amended  
8 by Chapter 412, Laws of 2007, is amended as follows:

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

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



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

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

38           (5) This section shall stand repealed on June 30, 2010.

39           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
40 and after June 30, 2008.

