

By: Senator(s) Hill, Burton

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2185

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-25-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN NURSE
3 PRACTITIONERS AND LICENSED PHYSICIANS FOR PROVIDING SERVICES IN A
4 MANAGED CARE SETTING SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF
5 MEDICAL LICENSURE UNDER WAIVERS IN CERTAIN HEALTH PROVIDER
6 SETTINGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-25-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 73-25-35. Registered nurses who are licensed and certified
11 by the Mississippi Board of Nursing as nurse practitioners * * *
12 shall be authorized to practice through a collaborative
13 relationship with a licensed physician approved by the State Board
14 of Medical Licensure wherein patients are treated by the nurse
15 practitioner shall receive a waiver from any distance requirement
16 within the state from the primary office of the
17 collaborative/consultative physician in the following settings:

- 18 (a) Emergency rooms;
- 19 (b) Intensive care units;
- 20 (c) Labor epidural services on obstetrical suites;



- 21 (d) State Department of Health services;
22 (e) State Department of Mental Health services and
23 community mental health center services;
24 (f) Federally funded health systems, including
25 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Veterans Affairs
26 Medical Centers (VAMCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC);
27 (g) Managed Care Organizations serving Medicaid
28 beneficiaries pursuant to Section 83-41-419.

29 If a proposed written practice collaborative agreement for
30 the practice of a certified nurse practitioner with a licensed
31 physician in a managed care setting for Medicaid beneficiaries is
32 denied by the State Board of Medical Licensure, the certified
33 nurse practitioner shall have the right to appeal the decision
34 disapproving the collaborative agreement to the Mississippi
35 Division of Medicaid within thirty (30) days of the decision of
36 denial, and the division shall be authorized to approve the
37 collaborative agreement for the practice of said certified nurse
38 practitioner.

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2016.

