

By: Representative Scott

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 497

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, STATE
2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO PREPARE A
3 VIDEO FOR PRESENTATION IN THE OFFICES IN WHICH TANF BENEFITS, SNAP
4 BENEFITS, FOOD THROUGH THE WIC PROGRAM, AND MEDICAID ASSISTANCE
5 ARE PROVIDED BY THOSE AGENCIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE VIDEO SHALL
6 PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT PROPER NUTRITION, HEALTHY EATING HABITS,
7 PREVENTION OF AND REDUCING OBESITY, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF
8 BREAST-FEEDING INFANTS; TO PROVIDE THAT APPLICANTS FOR AND
9 RECIPIENTS OF THOSE BENEFITS MAY VIEW THE VIDEO IN THE OFFICE OF
10 THE AGENCY; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE AGENCIES ALSO SHALL PREPARE
11 VIDEOS WITH INFORMATION ON PRENATAL HEALTH CARE, SEXUALLY
12 TRANSMITTED DISEASES, ABSTINENCE EDUCATION, PREVENTIVE BIRTH
13 CONTROL, MARRIAGE EDUCATION, PARENTING SKILLS, FAMILY PRESERVATION
14 AND FATHERHOOD AND OTHER RELATED SUBJECTS, FOR DISTRIBUTION TO
15 CERTAIN PERSONS AND ENTITIES AND TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST; AND
16 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

18 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, the term "agency"
19 means the Mississippi Department of Human Services for applicants
20 for and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
21 (TANF) benefits and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
22 (SNAP) benefits; the State Department of Health for applicants for
23 and recipients of food through the Women, Infants and Children's
24 Nutrition Program (WIC); and the Division of Medicaid for
25 applicants for and recipients of Medicaid assistance.



26 (2) (a) The agency shall prepare a video in an appropriate
27 medium for presentation in the main or local offices in which the
28 benefits specified in subsection (1) of this section are provided
29 by the agency. The video shall provide information about proper
30 nutrition, healthy eating habits, preventing and reducing obesity,
31 and, for WIC recipients, the importance of breast-feeding infants.

32 (b) Applicants for and recipients of the benefits
33 specified in subsection (1) of this section may view the video in
34 the main or local office of the agency.

35 (3) In addition to the requirements of subsection (2) of
36 this section, the agency shall prepare appropriate versions of
37 videos as required by this subsection in an appropriate medium for
38 presentation. The videos shall provide information on prenatal
39 health care, sexually transmitted diseases, abstinence education,
40 preventive birth control, marriage education, parenting skills,
41 family preservation and fatherhood and other related subjects.

42 The agency shall distribute the videos to the following
43 persons and entities:

44 (a) TANF recipients between the ages of thirteen (13)
45 and twenty (20) years who are pregnant or have a child and the
46 fathers of their children;

47 (b) Participants in the Medicaid family planning waiver
48 and the fathers of their children;

49 (c) Physicians who are Medicaid providers and who
50 practice obstetrics and gynecology;



- 51 (d) County health departments;
52 (e) WIC centers; and
53 (f) Family resource centers.

54 In addition, the agency shall make the videos available to
55 the public upon request.

56 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
57 and after July 1, 2018.

