

By: Representative Brown

To: Medicaid

HOUSE BILL NO. 1229

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMEN OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE
 2 MEDICAID COMMITTEES ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATURE TO ENTER INTO A
 3 COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT TO HIRE A THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT TO
 4 REVIEW THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAID PROGRAM TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND
 5 ELIMINATE WASTE; TO SPECIFY THE AREAS OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM THAT
 6 ARE TO BE EXAMINED IN THE REVIEW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** On behalf of the Legislature, the chairmen of the
 9 House and Senate Medicaid Committees are authorized to enter into
 10 a competitively bid contract to hire a third-party consultant to
 11 review the Mississippi Medicaid program to improve efficiency and
 12 eliminate waste. The analysis and solutions obtained from this
 13 review shall examine the following:

14 (a) Appropriate care and improved outcomes through
 15 early intervention, prevention, and wellness programs, including
 16 the reduction of rates of obesity and tobacco use;

17 (b) Services in the most cost-effective settings;

18 (c) Enhanced injury prevention;

19 (d) Optimized use of telemedicine;



20 (e) Transparency in health care price, quality, and
21 utilization for consumers, taxpayers, and policymakers;

22 (f) Methods to discourage over-utilization and reduced
23 waste, fraud, and abuse;

24 (g) Other efficiencies that will deliver value to the
25 taxpayers;

26 (h) Existing optional services and categories with the
27 goal of reducing over-utilization;

28 (i) Innovative measures and options such as capitates
29 payment models, including without limitation managed care programs
30 for specific high-need populations such as persons with serious
31 mental illness or elderly persons with frailty;

32 (j) Innovative funding mechanisms, at the state level,
33 aimed at making Medicaid expenditures more predictable and
34 sustainable; and

35 (k) Alternatives to Medicaid that provide high-quality
36 care to the state's indigent populations.

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

