

By: Senator(s) Wiggins

To: Medicaid; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2454

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 43-13-117.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
 2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO STUDY A  
 3 PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING AN ALTERNATIVE MANAGED CARE PAYMENT MODEL  
 4 FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES RECEIVING SERVICES  
 5 FROM A REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH/INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY COMMISSION  
 6 ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 41-19-33 LOCATED IN THE STATE OF  
 7 MISSISSIPPI, AND MAKE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED  
 8 PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

10 **SECTION 1.** The following provision shall be codified as  
 11 Section 43-13-117.5, Mississippi Code of 1972:

12 43-13-117.5. The Division of Medicaid is authorized and  
 13 directed to study the feasibility of implementing a pilot program  
 14 to provide an alternative managed care payment model for  
 15 individuals with behavioral health issues receiving services from  
 16 a regional mental health/intellectual disability commission  
 17 established under Section 41-19-33 located in the State of  
 18 Mississippi. The managed care payment model would establish an  
 19 organization to function as an integrated behavioral health care  
 20 network with a capitation agreement with managed care entities,  
 21 which would redirect funding to provide Medicaid services to the



22 behavioral health population under a partnership contract and not  
23 require any additional funding from the State General Fund. The  
24 behavioral health care network shall be comprised of the  
25 Mississippi Department of Mental Health, regional mental  
26 health/intellectual disability programs, community mental health  
27 centers and their employed behavioral health professionals, and  
28 other health care providers in the State of Mississippi. The  
29 behavioral health care network would contract with managed care  
30 entities to provide all medical and behavioral health services to  
31 the behavioral health population for one (1) capitated fee. If a  
32 pilot program is deemed feasible, a report of findings and  
33 recommendations shall be prepared for the 2020 Regular Session and  
34 provided to the Office of the Governor and the Chairman of the  
35 Senate and House Medicaid Committees in order to evaluate the  
36 effectiveness of the pilot program in reducing costs within the  
37 Medicaid program and in providing improved health and well-being  
38 of the affected patients.

39 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
40 and after July 1, 2019.

