

By: Representative Yancey

To: Drug Policy

HOUSE BILL NO. 813

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI STUDY ON THE AFFORDABILITY  
 2 OF INSULIN ACT"; TO REQUIRE THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE  
 3 MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY THAT  
 4 EXAMINES CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING DIABETES AND SUBMIT TO THE  
 5 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE A REPORT ON SUCH STUDY NOT LATER THAN  
 6 EIGHTEEN MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; AND FOR  
 7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
 10 "Mississippi Study on the Affordability of Insulin Act."

11 **SECTION 2.** The State Health Officer of the Mississippi State  
 12 Department of Health shall:

13 (a) Conduct a study that examines:

14 (i) For each type or classification of diabetes,  
 15 including Type 1 diabetes, Type 2 diabetes, gestational diabetes  
 16 and other conditions causing reliance on insulin, the effect of  
 17 the affordability of insulin on:

- 18 1. Adherence to insulin prescriptions;
- 19 2. Rates of diabetic ketoacidosis;



20                   3. Downstream impacts of insulin adherence  
21 including rates of dialysis treatment and end-stage renal disease;

22                   4. Spending by state health programs in acute  
23 episodes that could have been averted by adhering to an insulin  
24 prescription; and

25                   5. Other factors, as appropriate, to  
26 understand the impacts of insulin affordability on health outcomes  
27 and insured and uninsured individuals with diabetes.

28                   (ii) Among the individuals who are unable to  
29 afford insulin, the numbers of such individuals:

30                   1. Who are uninsured;

31                   2. Who are covered under private health  
32 insurance; and

33                   3. Who are covered under public health  
34 insurance programs; and

35                   (b) Not later than eighteen (18) months after the  
36 effective date of this act, submit to the Mississippi Legislature  
37 a report on the Mississippi Study on the Affordability of Insulin.

38                   **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
39 and after July 1, 2022.

