By: Representative Newman

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 946

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 41-10-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND THEIR AGENTS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL AND BILLING RECORDS TO A PATIENT WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME AFTER RECEIVING A VALID REQUEST FROM THE PATIENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 7 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 8 41-10-5, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 9 $\underline{41-10-5}$. A health care provider or its agent(s) or both
- 10 shall provide medical records and billing records that are in
- 11 their possession or custody to the patient who is the subject of
- 12 the records within thirty (30) days from the date that a valid
- 13 request from the patient is received by the health care provider
- 14 or its agent(s). As used in this section, the term "medical
- 15 records" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 41-10-3(1).
- 16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 17 and after July 1, 2022.