

By: Representative Hood

To: Medicaid

HOUSE BILL NO. 967

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 43-13-139, MISSISSIPPI CODE
2 OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE GOVERNOR TO DISCONTINUE OR LIMIT
3 MEDICAID ASSISTANCE TO ANY PERSONS WHO ARE WITHIN ANY OPTIONAL
4 GROUP OR OPTIONAL CATEGORY OF RECIPIENTS, FOR THE PURPOSES OF
5 POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-13-139, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 brought forward as follows:

9 43-13-139. Nothing contained in this article shall be
10 construed to prevent the Governor, in his discretion, from
11 discontinuing or limiting medical assistance to any individuals
12 who are classified or deemed to be within any optional group or
13 optional category of recipients as prescribed under Title XIX of
14 the federal Social Security Act or the implementing federal
15 regulations. If the Congress or the United States Department of
16 Health and Human Services ceases to provide federal matching funds
17 for any group or category of recipients or any type of care and
18 services, the division shall cease state funding for such group or



19 category or such type of care and services, notwithstanding any
20 provision of this article.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2022.

