By: Senator(s) McMahan, Simmons (12th)

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2725 (As Sent to Governor)

- AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 41-10-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL RECORDS AND BILLING RECORDS THAT ARE IN THEIR POSSESSION OR CUSTODY TO A PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE THAT IT RECEIVES A VALID REQUEST; 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 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 or the patient's representative within thirty (30)
- 13 days from the date a valid request from the patient or the
- 14 patient's representative is received by the health care provider
- 15 or its agent(s). As used in this section, the term "medical
- 16 records" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section
- $17 \quad 41-10-3(1)$.
- 18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 19 and after July 1, 2022.

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ST: Medical records; require health care providers to provide within 30 days of patient's or their representative's request.