MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2023

By: Senator(s) Bryan

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2316

AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN INSURER OR A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION
TO ALLOW POLICYHOLDERS TO RECEIVE TREATMENT FROM ANY HEALTH CARE
PROVIDER ON STAFF AT A HOSPITAL LOCATED IN A MUNICIPALITY HAVING A
POPULATION OF 10,000 OR LESS IF THAT HOSPITAL IS WILLING TO ACCEPT
THE FEE THE INSURER OR MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION OFFERS EVEN IF
THE HOSPITAL IS NOT IN THE INSURER'S NETWORK OF APPROVED
PROVIDERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

- 8 **SECTION 1.** An insurer or a managed care organization
- 9 licensed to do business in the State of Mississippi shall allow
- 10 policyholders to receive treatment from any health care provider
- 11 having staff privileges at a hospital located in a municipality
- 12 having a population of Ten Thousand (10,000) or less according to
- 13 the latest federal decennial census if that hospital is willing to
- 14 accept the reimbursement fee, terms and conditions for
- 15 participation in the provision of services which the insurer or
- 16 managed care organization offers, even if the hospital is not in
- 17 the insurer's or managed care organization's network of approved
- 18 providers.
- 19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 20 and after July 1, 2023.

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ST: Freedom of consumer choice of health care services; certain hospitals may be a "willing provider".