To: Insurance

By: Representative Yancey

HOUSE BILL NO. 119

- AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 83-41-218, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE HEALTH INSURERS TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT TO 3 PHARMACISTS FOR SERVICES AND PROCEDURES AT A RATE NOT LESS THAN THAT PROVIDED TO OTHER NONPHYSICIAN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IF THE 5 SERVICE OR PROCEDURE IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A 6 PHARMACIST AND WOULD OTHERWISE BE COVERED IF THE SERVICE OR 7 PROCEDURE IS PROVIDED BY ANY HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROVIDER OR OTHER 8 PERSON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 10 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section
- 11 83-41-218, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 12 83-41-218. Under each policy of insurance or any medical
- service plan or hospital service contract or hospital and medical 13
- 14 service contract issued or renewed in this state on or after
- January 1, 2026, an insurer or third-party administrator for an 15
- 16 insurer must provide reimbursement to a pharmacist for a service
- or procedure at a rate not less than that provided to any other 17
- nonphysician health care provider if the service or procedure is 18
- 19 all of the following:
- 20 (a) Within the scope of practice of a pharmacist as

21 defined in Section 73-21-73; and

22	(b)	Would otherwis	e be covered	under the	policy,	plan
23	or contract if	the service or	procedure is	s provided	by any	health
24	care service p	rovider or othe	r person.			

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 26 and after July 1, 2025.