

By: Representative Hines

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 455

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A PERSON IS SEEKING DISABILITY
2 BENEFITS, THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO EXAMINE THE PERSON TO
3 DETERMINE THE PERSON'S ELIGIBILITY FOR THE BENEFITS BEING SOUGHT
4 SHALL PROVIDE THE PERSON WITH COPIES OF HIS OR HER MEDICAL RECORDS
5 AT NO CHARGE UNTIL AFTER THE APPLICABLE DETERMINATION OF
6 DISABILITY HAS BEEN MADE; TO PROVIDE THAT AFTER SUCH DETERMINATION
7 OF DISABILITY, THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO PROVIDED COPIES OF
8 MEDICAL RECORDS TO THE PERSON MAY CHARGE THE PERSON FOR THE COST
9 OF PROVIDING THOSE MEDICAL RECORDS, AT RATES NOT EXCEEDING CERTAIN
10 STATUTORY AMOUNTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 SECTION 1. When a person is seeking to obtain disability
13 benefits under an insurance policy, a public assistance program or
14 a public or private retirement system or plan, the physicians
15 and/or other health care providers who examine or treat the person
16 for any medical condition being utilized by the person in support
17 of that person's disability status and eligibility for the
18 disability benefits being sought shall provide the person with
19 copies of his or her medical records at no charge until after the
20 determination of disability has been made as to whether or not the
21 person is eligible to obtain such benefits. After the
22 determination of disability, regardless of the outcome of the

23 determination, the physicians and other health care providers who
24 provided copies of medical records to the person may charge the
25 person for the cost of providing those medical records, at rates
26 not exceeding the amounts specified under Section 11-1-52.

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

