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To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 676

1 AN ACT RELATING TO CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
2 CLINICS (CCBHC); TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
3 AND THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE
4 FEDERAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
5 (SAMSHA) TO JOIN THE MEDICAID CCBHC DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AT THE
6 NEXT AVAILABLE APPLICATION PERIOD; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIVISION OF
7 MEDICAID, IN COLLABORATION WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
8 SHALL SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO CMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
9 IMPLEMENTING THE CCBHC MODEL AS A PILOT PROGRAM IN COMMUNITY
10 MENTAL HEALTH REGIONS 6 AND 9 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE
11 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CCBHC SYSTEM IN
12 THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE DEMONSTRATION
13 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY FEDERAL LAWS GOVERNING THE CCBHC MODEL; TO
14 PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SHALL BE THE
15 ENTITY CHARGED WITH CERTIFYING AND MONITORING COMPLIANCE OF CCBHC
16 CLINICS, AND THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
17 ESTABLISHING A PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM TO FUND THE CCBHC
18 PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

20 **SECTION 1.** (1) The purpose of this section is to improve
21 quality, access, and innovation in the provision of mental health
22 and substance use services to individuals treated at community
23 mental health centers, operated by regional commissions as
24 provided in Section 41-19-33, through enhanced certification of
25 community mental health centers as a Certified Community
26 Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). CCBHCs shall provide



27 comprehensive, holistic services, respond to local needs,
28 incorporate evidence-based practices, and establish care
29 coordination as a lynchpin for service delivery including
30 effective community partnerships with law enforcement, schools,
31 hospitals, primary care providers, veterans' groups and other
32 organizations to improve care, reduce recidivism, and address
33 health disparities.

34 (2) The State Department of Mental Health and the Division
35 of Medicaid shall submit an application to the federal Substance
36 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) to join
37 the Medicaid Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)
38 Demonstration Program established by Section 223 of the Protecting
39 Access to Medicare Act (PAMA) of 2014 at the next available
40 application period.

41 (3) The Division of Medicaid, in collaboration with State
42 Department of Mental Health, shall submit a State Plan Amendment
43 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the
44 purpose of implementing the CCBHC model as a pilot program in
45 community mental health Regions 6 and 9 as soon as possible after
46 the effective date of this section. The community mental health
47 centers in Regions 6 and 9 shall have the opportunity to apply for
48 CCBHC certification by July 1, 2026.

49 (4) The CCBHC system in the pilot program provided under
50 this section shall be consistent with the Demonstration Program
51 established by Section 223 of the PAMA and other applicable



52 federal laws governing the CCBHC model. The State Department of
53 Mental Health shall be the entity charged with certifying and
54 monitoring compliance of CCBHC clinics, and the Division of
55 Medicaid shall be responsible for establishing a
56 prospective payment system (PPS) to fund the CCBHC program.

57 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
58 and after its passage.

