

By: Representative Crawford

To: Insurance; Public Health
and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 801

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A HEALTH INSURER MAY NOT DENY THE
2 CLAIM OF A COVERED PERSON SOLELY BECAUSE THE COVERED PERSON HAS
3 NOT RECEIVED A VACCINE THAT IS RECOMMENDED OR REQUIRED BY THE
4 STATE HEALTH OFFICER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) For the purposes of this section, a "health
7 insurer" means any health insurance company, nonprofit hospital
8 and medical service corporation, health maintenance organization,
9 preferred provider organization, managed care organization,
10 pharmacy benefit manager, and, to the extent permitted under
11 federal law, any administrator of an insured, self-insured or
12 publicly funded health care benefit plan offered by public and
13 private entities, the State and School Employees Health Insurance
14 Plan and any other public health care assistance program offered
15 or administered by the state or any political subdivision or
16 instrumentality of the state, and other parties that are by
17 statute, contract, or agreement, legally responsible for payment
18 of a claim for a health care item or service.



19 (2) A health insurer may not deny the claim of a covered
20 person solely because the covered person has not received a
21 vaccine that has ever been recommended or required or is currently
22 recommended or required by the State Health Officer.

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

