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To: Public Health and
Welfare;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1329

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO ESTABLISH A
2 SMOKING CESSATION TREATMENT PROGRAM AND CONTRACT WITH HEALTH CARE
3 PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE SMOKING CESSATION TREATMENT THERAPIES FOR
4 PERSONS WITH INCOMES OF UP TO 300% OF THE POVERTY LEVEL; TO
5 SPECIFY CERTAIN CRITERIA TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SMOKING CESSATION
6 TREATMENT PROGRAM BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO CONTRACT WITH THE
7 DIVISION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COSTS OF THE SMOKING CESSATION
8 TREATMENT PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED FROM MONIES APPROPRIATED FROM
9 THE HEALTH CARE EXPENDABLE FUND; TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
10 IN THE SMOKING CESSATION TREATMENT PROGRAM TO MAKE CERTAIN REPORTS
11 TO THE DIVISION REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN AND RESULTS OF THE
12 PROGRAM; TO DIRECT THE DIVISION TO MAKE A REPORT TO THE
13 LEGISLATURE ON THE SMOKING CESSATION TREATMENT PROGRAM; AND FOR
14 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

16 SECTION 1. (1) The Division of Medicaid shall establish a
17 smoking cessation treatment program and contract with hospitals,
18 clinics, physicians, dentists and other health care providers
19 licensed in this state to provide smoking cessation treatment
20 therapies for persons with incomes of up to three hundred percent
21 (300%) of the federal poverty level.

22 (2) Any hospital, clinic, physician, dentist or other health
23 care provider submitting a bid for a contract under subsection (1)
24 of this section shall include the following criteria in the bid:

25 (a) A health care provider will supervise the smoking
26 cessation treatment program;

27 (b) An applicant will pay a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25.00)
28 fee to cover the cost of an evaluation for the smoking cessation
29 treatment program;

30 (c) The program will include counseling and
31 prescription drugs indicated for smoking cessation treatment;

32 (d) A program participant will be permitted to

33 participate in the program only once a year with a maximum of ten
34 (10) consecutive weeks of treatment; and

35 (e) The fees charged for the smoking cessation
36 treatment program will include a fee for one (1) office visit
37 every other week and a reimbursement for prescriptions issued and
38 signed by an authorized prescriber within the scope of his or her
39 professional practice.

40 (3) The cost of the smoking cessation treatment program,
41 excluding the evaluation fee in subsection (2) of this section,
42 shall be funded from monies appropriated from the Health Care
43 Expendable Fund established under Section 43-13-407 and from any
44 other funds appropriated to or otherwise made available to the
45 Division of Medicaid for the purpose of the program.

46 (4) The health care providers in the smoking cessation
47 treatment program shall annually report the results of treatment
48 to the Division of Medicaid, and shall include the number of
49 participants treated and the number of participants who quit
50 smoking.

51 (5) The Division of Medicaid shall submit a report on the
52 smoking cessation treatment program to the Legislature before
53 January 1, 2001.

54 (6) The Division of Medicaid shall promulgate rules and
55 regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

56 (7) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2001.

57 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
58 and after July 1, 2000.