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To: Insurance

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1357

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-41-213, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT, FOR REIMBURSEMENT PURPOSES OF  
3 CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR PLANS, THE RULES AND  
4 REGULATIONS THAT IMPACT THE PRACTICE OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS BE  
5 JOINTLY PROMULGATED BY THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING AND THE  
6 STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 83-41-213, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 83-41-213. (1) From and after January 1, 1999, whenever any  
11 policy of insurance or any medical service plan or hospital  
12 service contract or hospital and medical service contract issued,  
13 delivered, administered, continued or renewed in this state  
14 provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the  
15 lawful scope of practice of a duly certified nurse practitioner  
16 working under the supervision of a duly licensed physician as  
17 provided for by rules and regulations implemented by the  
18 Mississippi Board of Nursing under Section 73-15-5(2), the insured  
19 or other person entitled to benefits under such policy shall be  
20 entitled to reimbursement for such services, whether such services  
21 are performed by a duly licensed physician or by a duly certified  
22 nurse practitioner working under the supervision of a duly  
23 licensed physician, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary  
24 in any statute or in such policy, plan or contract. Duly  
25 certified nurse practitioners shall be entitled to participate in  
26 such policies, plans or contracts providing for the services of  
27 nurse practitioners working under the supervision of a duly  
28 licensed physician, as authorized by the rules and regulations

29 implemented by the Mississippi Board of Nursing under Section  
30 73-15-5(2). Reimbursement shall be based on services rendered by  
31 a duly certified nurse practitioner.

32 It is the intent of the Legislature by this section to  
33 provide for expanded health delivery services and to provide for  
34 some reduction of the cost of medical services where possible; and  
35 any payments made hereunder shall either be in lieu of payments to  
36 physicians or payments to physicians shall be reduced by that  
37 amount paid to a nurse practitioner for the performance of  
38 authorized services by such practitioner.

39 (2) Any action taken to prohibit nurses from practicing in a  
40 manner consistent with Section 73-15-1 et seq., including any  
41 limitation on clinical privileging or performing other activities  
42 consistent with standards of nursing practice, is prohibited.

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