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To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 1357
(As Passed the House)

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.