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To: Public Health and  
Welfare;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3070

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 CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COSTS OF THE SMOKING  
5 CESSATION TREATMENT PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED FROM THE HEALTH CARE  
6 EXPENDABLE FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. (1) The Division of Medicaid shall establish a  
9 smoking cessation treatment program and contract with hospitals,  
10 clinics, physicians and dentists licensed in this state to provide  
11 smoking cessation treatment therapies for persons with incomes of  
12 up to three hundred percent (300%) of the federal poverty level.

13 (2) Any hospital, clinic, physician, dentist or healthcare  
14 provider submitting a bid pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
15 section shall include the following criteria in such bid:

16 (a) A healthcare provider will supervise the smoking  
17 cessation treatment program;

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

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

23 (d) A program participant shall only be permitted to  
24 participate in the program once a year with a maximum of ten (10)  
25 consecutive weeks of treatment; and

26 (e) The fees charged for the smoking cessation  
27 treatment program shall include a fee for a one-office visit every  
28 other week and a reimbursement for prescriptions issued and signed

29 by an authorized prescriber within the scope of his or her  
30 professional practice.

31 (3) The costs of the smoking cessation treatment program,  
32 excluding the evaluation fee in subsection (2) of this section,  
33 shall be funded with the monies received from the Tobacco Health  
34 Care Expendable Fund, subject to specific appropriation therefor  
35 by the Legislature.

36 (4) The providers in the smoking cessation treatment program  
37 shall annually report the results of treatment to the Division of  
38 Medicaid, and shall include the number of participants treated and  
39 the number of participants who quit smoking.

40 (5) The Division of Medicaid shall submit a report on the  
41 smoking cessation treatment program to the Legislature in January  
42 2001.

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

45 (7) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on  
46 June 30, 2001.

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