

By: Senator(s) Wiggins, Jackson (11th),  
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To: Medicaid; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2268  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO REIMBURSE FOR  
2 SERVICES PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES BY A LICENSED  
3 FREESTANDING PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL; TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO  
4 SEEK ANY NECESSARY WAIVERS, MAKE ANY REQUIRED AMENDMENTS TO ITS  
5 STATE PLAN, OR REVISE ANY MANAGED CARE CONTRACTS AS NECESSARY TO  
6 PROVIDE THE SERVICES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND FOR  
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** The Division of Medicaid is authorized to  
10 reimburse for services provided to eligible Medicaid beneficiaries  
11 by a licensed freestanding psychiatric hospital in a method and  
12 manner to be determined by the division in accordance with federal  
13 law and federal regulations. The division may seek any necessary  
14 waivers, make any required amendments to its State Plan, or revise  
15 any contracts authorized under Section 43-13-117(H) as necessary  
16 to provide the services authorized under this section. As used in  
17 this section, the term "psychiatric hospital" shall have the  
18 meaning as defined in Section 41-7-173(h)(ii), which is an  
19 institution that is primarily engaged in providing to inpatients,  
20 by or under the supervision of a physician, psychiatric services



21 for the diagnosis and treatment of persons with mental illness.  
22 It is the intent of the Legislature that the cost of providing  
23 services to individuals in a psychiatric hospital shall not exceed  
24 the cost of providing the same services to individuals in a  
25 hospital as defined by Section 41-7-173(h) (i).

26         **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
27 and after its passage.

