

By: Representative Hines

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 7

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PAYERS FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES AUTHORIZED
2 TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI BY THE MISSISSIPPI
3 INSURANCE DEPARTMENT TO FOLLOW THE SAME CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING
4 THE REASONABLENESS AND NECESSITY OF HOSPITAL INPATIENT ADMISSIONS
5 AS THOSE USED UNDER MEDICARE PART A COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE
6 TWO-MIDNIGHT RULE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** In order to improve efficiencies and
9 consistencies for health care providers, payers and patients,
10 payers for health care services authorized to do business in the
11 State of Mississippi by the Mississippi Insurance Department are
12 required to follow the same criteria for determining the
13 reasonableness and necessity of hospital inpatient admissions as
14 those used under Medicare Part A commonly referred to as the
15 Two-Midnight Rule.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 2024.

