

By: Representatives Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 12

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN
3 SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PROSTHETIC TEETH AND PERMANENT DENTAL
4 IMPLANTS FOR CHILDREN WITH OLIGODONTIA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-15-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 25-15-7. Such health insurance shall not include:

9 (a) Expense incurred by or on account of an individual
10 prior to July 1, 1972, as to him;

11 (b) Dental care and treatment, except dental surgery
12 and appliances to the extent necessary for the correction of
13 damage caused by accidental injury while covered by the plan, or
14 as a direct result of disease covered by the plan, and except
15 prosthetic teeth and permanent dental implants for children with
16 oligodontia;

17 (c) Eyeglasses, hearing aids for individuals over the
18 age of twenty-one (21) years, and examinations for the
19 prescription or fitting thereof;



20 (d) Cosmetic surgery or treatment, except to the extent
21 necessary for correction of damage by accidental injury while
22 covered by the plan or as a direct result of disease covered by
23 the plan;

24 (e) Services received in a hospital owned or operated
25 by the United States government for which no charge is made;

26 (f) Services received for injury or sickness due to war
27 or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared, which war or
28 act of war shall have occurred after July 1, 1972;

29 (g) Expense for which the individual is not required to
30 make payment;

31 (h) Expenses to the extent of benefits provided under
32 any employer group plan other than this plan, in which the state
33 participates in the cost thereof; and

34 (i) Such other expenses as may be excluded by
35 regulations of the board.

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

