

By: Representative Banks

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 397

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO HAVE PERSONS WHO PRESENT
2 THEMSELVES TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM WITH SYMPTOMS OF POSSIBLE SICKLE
3 CELL DISEASE EXAMINED BY A PHYSICIAN WITHIN FOUR HOURS AFTER THE
4 PERSON IS ADMITTED TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** When a person presents himself or herself to a
8 hospital emergency room with symptoms of possible sickle cell
9 disease, the hospital shall have the person examined by a
10 physician within four (4) hours after the person is admitted to
11 the emergency room.

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

