

By: Senator(s) Blackwell

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2258

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 83-9-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
 2 1972, TO PROHIBIT AN INSURER, MANAGED-CARE COMPANY OR OTHER PAYOR
 3 FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST AN ACCREDITED DURABLE MEDICAL
 4 EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER PROVIDING SERVICES PRESCRIBED BY A PATIENT'S
 5 HEALTH CARE PROVIDER; TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURER, MANAGED-CARE
 6 COMPANY OR OTHER PAYOR SHALL REIMBURSE DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
 7 NO LESS THAN STATE MEDICAID RATES SET FOR THESE SERVICES ON A
 8 CONTINUOUS MONTHLY PAYMENT BASIS FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEDICAL
 9 NEED THROUGHOUT A PATIENT'S VALID PRESCRIPTION PERIOD; AND FOR
 10 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
 13 83-9-12, Mississippi Code of 1972:

14 83-9-12. An insurer, managed-care company or other payor
 15 shall not discriminate against an accredited durable medical
 16 equipment supplier providing services prescribed by a patient's
 17 health care provider. Notwithstanding any other provision of law
 18 to the contrary, an insurer, managed-care company or other payor
 19 shall reimburse durable medical equipment no less than state
 20 Medicaid rates set for these services on a continuous monthly
 21 payment basis for the duration of the medical need throughout a
 22 patient's valid prescription period.



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

