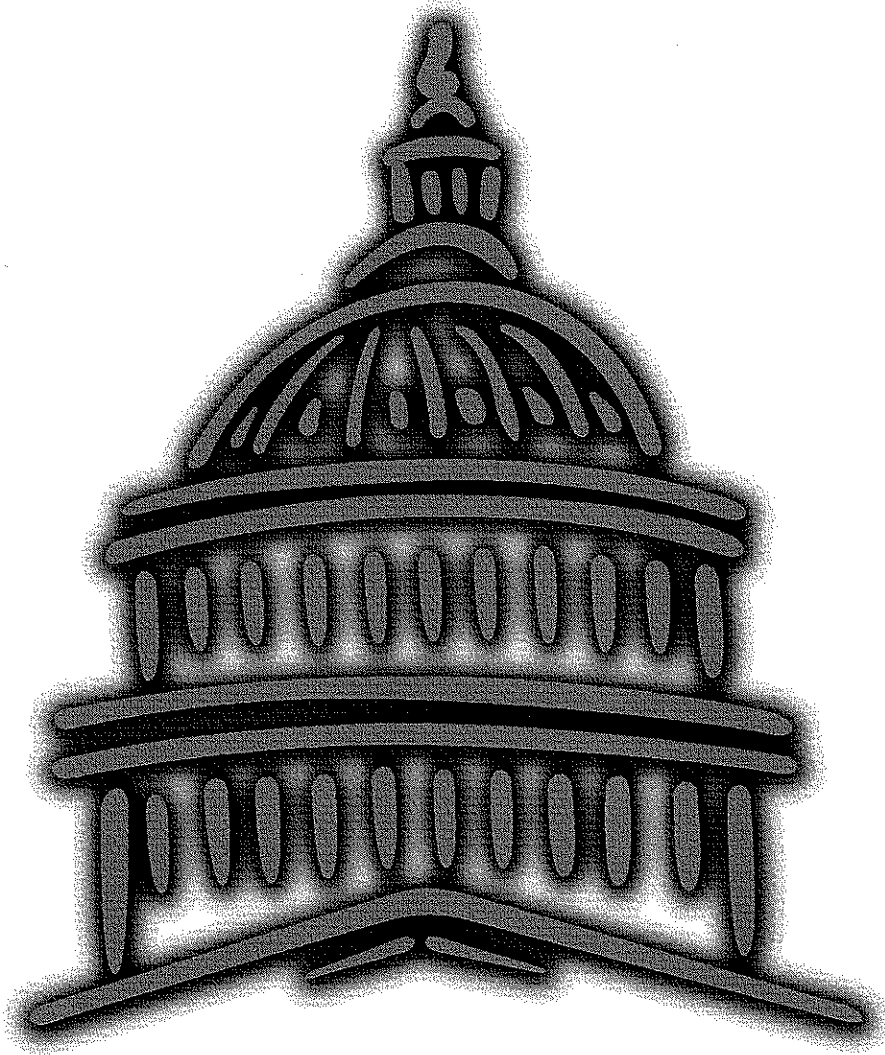


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**MISSISSIPPI HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
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MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Introduction

Budget woes were the dominant issue for the Legislature in 2005. The legislative session began under tremendous pressure to salvage the Medicaid program. None of the 2004 Medicaid cost-saving measures had been successfully implemented and ongoing litigation surrounded Medicaid's earlier attempt to remove the Poverty Level Aged and Disabled (PLAD) category of eligibility. Lawmakers returned to Jackson in January to face a \$268 million Medicaid deficit for the 2005 fiscal year and a request to increase Medicaid funding in 2006 by over \$269 million. Early in the session, Medicaid officials announced that the program would literally run out of money to pay providers in March. On the eve of the program's insolvency, negotiations among House and Senate conferees broke down, and the House of Representatives voted to go home for the weekend leaving Medicaid without any source of paying providers for the next week. This prompted the Governor to call the first-ever special session within a regular session to try to find additional funds for Medicaid. Lawmakers returned to the Capitol over the weekend and ultimately borrowed \$240 million from the Health Care Trust Fund to see Medicaid through the end of the state fiscal year.

Meanwhile, both the House and Senate versions of the Medicaid cost-saving legislation began with tremendous Medicaid cuts for providers, especially hospitals. MHA's advocacy team worked continually with Medicaid staff, the Governor's office and House and Senate leaders to find a better solution to the Medicaid crisis than the drastic cuts in reimbursement to hospitals. Finally, a hard-won compromise was reached that prevented devastating cuts to hospitals, but not without its own cost in the form of increased provider taxes. Though MHA had to compromise by accepting increased provider taxes, overall hospital reimbursement was preserved and the UPL and DSH programs remained intact.

As expected, attempts were made by trial lawyers to lessen the improvements made to Mississippi's legal system. Specifically, in the midst of the litigation surrounding not-for-profit hospitals, plaintiffs' lawyers tried to expand hospital and business liability under the Consumer Protection Law and to allow state class action lawsuits. MHA worked quickly to make sure these attempts were soundly defeated in the House of Representatives. MHA also worked diligently to amend or defeat dozens of other measures that could have potentially adversely affected the ability of hospitals to deliver high quality health care.

Governor Barbour called a second special session in 2005 after lawmakers failed to adopt a budget for 2006. Again, Medicaid was at the forefront of the budget debate. Ultimately, the legislature adopted a budget but under-funded Medicaid by almost \$200 million less than Medicaid's 2006 budget request. A third special session is expected in late June, forcing the legislature to re-visit the Governor's Momentum Mississippi plan to increase economic development.

Undoubtedly, Medicaid and other reimbursement issues will continue to top MHA's state and federal legislative agendas. As always, MHA will work with lawmakers at all levels to protect the interests of our hospitals and to preserve their ability to provide high quality care to Mississippi patients.

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Abortion/Ambulatory Surgery Centers

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| SB 2883 | |
| Licensure Categories for Abortion Facilities | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 4/4/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Burton |
| Code Sections Affected | 41-75-1 |

- Creates two levels of abortion facilities. Level I abortion facilities are required to meet the minimum standards for abortion facilities and for ambulatory surgical facilities. Level II abortion facilities are only required to meet the minimum standards for abortion facilities.
- Abortion procedures after the first trimester may only be performed at a Level I facility, an ambulatory surgical facility or hospital licensed to perform this service.

Criminal Background Checks

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| HB 1034 | |
| Sex Offender Registration | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/14/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | McBride |
| Code Sections Affected | 45-33-27, 45-33-29, 45-33-31, 45-33-33, 45-33-35, 45-33-57 |

- Amend sections 45-33-27, 45-33-29, 45-33-31, 45-33-33 and 45-33-35 to require sex offenders who are subject to the sex offender registration requirements to fulfill all registration, re-registration, and update or verification requirements by personally appearing at a department of public safety driver's license station.
- To amend section 45-33-57 to allow imposition of fees to be assessed against offenders.

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| HB 1093 | |
| Board of Pharmacy Criminal Background Checks | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 4/20/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Dedeaux |
| Code Sections Affected | 73-21-85, 73-21-111 |

- Requires the Board of Pharmacy to conduct criminal history record checks including fingerprinting on all applicants for a pharmacy license.
- Authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to collect a fee from applicants equal to the amount charged for the finger printing.
- Enacts the same requirements for pharmacy technicians.

| SB 2053 | |
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| Prohibition Against Sex Offenders Owning, Working or Volunteering for Child Care Service | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/29/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Ross |
| Code Sections Affected | New Code Sections 43-15-301, 43-15-303, 43-15-305, 43-15-307, 43-20-8 |

- Creates new code sections that prohibit child care service employers from employing or using the volunteer services of anyone who is listed on the sex offender registry or who has been convicted of a sex offense.
- Prescribes a \$25,000 fine and/or six months imprisonment for violations of the section.
- Prohibits any person who is required to register as a sex offender from owning or operating a child care service.
- Prohibits any person required to register as a sex offender from being employed by or volunteering at a child care service.
- Requires that child care facilities obtain sex offender registry checks on any current or prospective care giver.

| SB 2453 | |
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| Department of Human Services Employee Criminal Background Checks | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/21/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Nunnelee |
| Code Sections Affected | 43-1-4 |

- Authorizes the Department of Human Services to fingerprint and perform a criminal history record check on every employee or volunteer who has direct access to children or vulnerable adult clients of the Department or who has a position of fiduciary responsibility.

Insurance

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| HB 1317 Health Insurance Reimbursement for Services of Marriage and Family Therapists | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 4/19/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Formby |
| Code Sections Affected | 83-41-211 |

- Adds licensed marriage and family therapists as an additional category of practitioners that are covered by an insurance policy that provides reimbursement for diagnosis and treatment of mental, nervous, or emotional disorders within the scope of practice of psychologists, professional counselors or clinical social workers.

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| HB 1322 Requirements for Filing Annual and Quarterly Statements of Insurance Companies | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/16/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Formby |
| Code Sections Affected | 83-5-53, 83-5-55, 83-5-69 |

- Makes blank forms from the Commissioner of Insurance available *upon request and at the expense* of the requesting insurance company. Blank forms will no longer automatically be provided to insurance companies each December.
- Requires every insurance company to file a quarterly statement with the Commissioner of Insurance showing the business standing and financial condition of the company for that quarter.
- Makes penalties for failure to file the annual statement applicable to the new quarterly statement as well.

Licensure/Regulation of Healthcare Professionals

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| HB 236 | |
| Speech Pathologists and Audiologists | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/29/05 |
| Effective Date | June 30, 2005 |
| Authors | Warren |
| Code Sections Affected | 73-38-1 to 73-38-38 |

- Deletes the automatic repealer on the speech therapist licensure law completely.

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| HB 246 | |
| Licensure of Hearing Aid Specialists | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/29/05 |
| Effective Date | June 30, 2005 |
| Authors | Warren |
| Code Sections Affected | 73-14-1 to 73-14-49 |

- Deletes the automatic repealer on the hearing aid specialist law completely.

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| HB 357 | |
| Assessment of Costs of Disciplinary Action by Board of Medical Licensure | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/14/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Barnett |
| Code Sections Affected | 73-25-30 |

- Increases the amount of costs that may be assessed by the Board of Medical Licensure against a licensee from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

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| HB 689 | |
| Radiologist Assistants | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/14/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Holland |
| Code Sections Affected | New Code Section |

- Creates new code sections authorizing radiologists to use the services of radiologist assistants.
- Gives the State Board of Medical Licensure the authority to develop the scope of practice for radiologist assistants and educational qualifications necessary to practice.
- Requires a radiologist assistant to be a radiologic technologist and to be certified and registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.
- Also specifies that the radiologist assistant may not interpret images, make diagnosis or prescribe medications or therapies.

| SB 2682 Optometrists | |
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| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/16/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Nunnelee |
| Code Sections Affected | 73-19-1, 73-19-157, 73-19-165, 41-29-105, 41-29-137, 41-29-109, 41-29-133, 41-29-157, 41-29-159, 41-29-167, 41-29-171 |

- Updates the scope of practice for certified optometrists related to the use of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents.
- Allows certified optometrists to administer and prescribe additional type of noninjectible medications and certain oral pharmaceutical agents.
- Allows certified optometrists to prescribe Schedule IV or V oral analgesic controlled substances.
- Deletes the automatic repealer on the Board of Optometry.

| SB 2794 Deaf Interpreters | |
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| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/16/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Burton |
| Code Sections Affected | New Code Sections |

- This is new law providing that no person shall provide interpreting services for consumers who are deaf or hard of hearing for a fee unless the person is registered with the office of deaf and hard of hearing at the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.
- To establish certain standards for registration, primarily that the person holds certification from the national association of the deaf or national registry of interpreters for the deaf or a quality assurance screening level granted through the Mississippi quality assurance screening evaluation.
- To authorize the appointment of an advisory council to assist in developing rules for the program; to provide for confidentiality.
- To provide criminal penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this act.

Medicaid

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| HB 4 – Transfer from Health Care Trust Fund for 2005 Medicaid Budget Deficit SB 2001 – Additional 2005 Medicaid Appropriation (2005 First Extraordinary Session) | |
| Status | Approved by Governor |
| Effective Date | Upon Passage - March 14, 2005 |
| Code Sections Affected | 43-13-407 |

- Governor Barbour called the first-ever special session within a regular session to force lawmakers to keep the Division of Medicaid from running out of money.
- Through a combination of two bills, the legislature transferred an additional \$240 million from the Health Care Trust Fund to the Health Care Expendable Fund so that it could be used by Medicaid to cover the budget deficit for SFY 2005.
- The legislation requires the state to repay the \$240 million plus interest to the Health Care Trust Fund over seven years from state general funds.

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| HB 68 Medicaid 2006 Appropriation (2005 Second Extraordinary Session) | |
| Status | Due from Governor 6/20/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Holland |

- Governor Barbour called lawmakers back to Jackson for a second special session after they failed to agree on a 2006 budget during the regular session.
- The 2006 Medicaid appropriation approved by the legislature is \$493 million. Medicaid's 2006 budget request was approximately \$692 million.

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| HB 1104 Medicaid Amend Sections on Eligibility, Services and Facility Assessments | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/31/05 |
| Effective Date | Upon Passage March 31, 2005 |
| Authors | Morris |
| Code Sections Affected | 43-13-115, 43-13-117, 43-13-145 |

43-13-115 – Eligibility

PLADS

- Reinstates PLADs through December 31, 2005.
- Pending applications for eligible PLADs beneficiaries are to be given priority processing by DOM.

43-13-117 - Covered Services

Inpatient Hospital Services

- Maintains allowable inpatient days at 30.

ER Visits

- Maintains 6 medically necessary ER visits per beneficiary per fiscal year.
- Clarifies that reimbursement is also allowed for other outpatient hospital services not considered ER visits.

Physician Services

- Allows the annual adjustment of physician rates to be made in July rather than January.
- Removes the floor for physician rates of not less than 70% of the rate established on January 1, 1994.
- Allows DOM to develop a different reimbursement method for physician services provided by physicians at academic medical centers or at rural health centers associated with academic medical centers.

Home Health Services

- Reduces allowable home health visits from 60 to 25.

Prescription Drugs

- *Prior Law: Allows 4 brand name drugs and unlimited generics without prior authorization. Additional brand name drugs available with prior authorization.*
- Reduces monthly prescription drug coverage to no more than 5 prescriptions per month with no more than 2 of the 5 being brand name drugs. Applies to non-institutionalized patients.
- Authorizes DOM to approve 90 day supply of certain maintenance medications.
- Reduces approved supply of drugs from 34 days to 31 days.
- Deletes the program requiring counterfeit proof prescription pads.
- Requires drugs for psychiatric residential treatment facility patients to be provided in true unit doses. DOM may require drugs for nursing home patients to be provided in true unit doses. Unused portions must be returned to the billing pharmacy for credit to the DOM. Allows only one dispensing fee per month. DOM must develop a method for reimbursing for restocked drugs, including a restock fee not to exceed \$7.82.
- Requires DOM to provide information to prescribers about the cost of brand name drugs and the cost of alternative drugs.
- Makes information obtained by DOM regarding prescription drugs, such as pricing, confidential.

Clinic Services

- Allows the annual adjustment of physician rates to be made in July rather than January.

- Removes the floor for physician rates of not less than 70% of the rate established on January 1, 1994.
- Allows DOM to develop a different reimbursement method for physician services provided by physicians at academic medical centers or at rural health centers associated with academic medical centers.

UPL and DSH

- Deletes repeal date on UPL program allowing it to continue indefinitely.

Disease Management

- Specifies that disease management programs may be developed for high-cost chronic diseases and conditions.

Case Management

- Requires DOM to develop targeted case management services for high-cost beneficiaries.

Emergency Room Redirection Program

- Allows federally qualified health centers to participate in the emergency room re-direction program and allows DOM to pay them a percentage of any savings achieved by their accepting referrals through the program.

Governor's Authority to Reduce Expenditures in Anticipation of Budget Shortfall

- If projected expenditures are anticipated to exceed appropriated funds, the Governor is required to discontinue optional services and institute other cost containment measures. Governor cannot eliminate any mandatory services or eligibility income limits or categories.

43-13-145 - Provider Taxes

Nursing Home Bed Tax

- Increases bed tax from \$6 to an amount established by DOM, not to exceed the maximum amount allowable under federal law.
- Tax is assessed on occupied beds only.
- *(Current estimates are that the bed tax would increase to \$9 per occupied bed.)*

Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICFMR) Tax

- Established a new section specifically for the ICFMR bed tax.
- Increases bed tax from \$6 to an amount established by DOM, not to exceed the maximum amount allowable under federal law.
- Tax is assessed on occupied beds only.
- Removes the tax exemption that existed for state agencies or facilities that provide their own state match through IGTs or certified funds.

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Tax

- Increases bed tax from \$6 to an amount established by DOM, not to exceed the maximum amount allowable under federal law.
- Tax is assessed on occupied beds only.

Hospital Bed Tax

- Increases bed tax to \$3.25 per licensed bed.

Pharmaceutical Cost Management

- Requires Medicaid to study other state laws that reduce the cost of prescription drugs, particularly West Virginia, and present recommendations to the legislature and Governor by December 1, 2005.

Effective Date

- Upon passage.

Medical Malpractice

| HB 369 Medical Malpractice Insurance Availability Act | |
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| Status | Approved by Governor on 4/20/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Warren |
| Code Sections Affected | 83-48-1 to 83-48-7, 11-46-19, 83-48-9 (New Section) |

- Places a July 1, 2007 repeal date on the Medical Malpractice Insurance Availability Act and related provisions.

Medical Records

| HB 521 Custodian of Hospital Records | |
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| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/14/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Frierson |
| Code Sections Affected | 41-9-101 |

- Changes the term “medical record librarian” to “health information administrator or registered health information technician.”
- Also specifies that the custodian shall comply with HIPAA notwithstanding any other state statute.

Mental Health

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| HB 439 | |
| Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioners | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/16/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Vince |
| Code Sections Affected | 41-4-7 |

- Allows psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioners to prepare treatment plans for patients treated by the Department of Mental Health.

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| HB 1263 | |
| Definition of “Psychologist” | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/14/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Holland |
| Code Sections Affected | 41-21-97 |

- Clarifies that the term “psychologist” used in §41-21-97 related to confidentiality of treatment records will have the same meaning as the term “psychologist” in code §73-31-3 (e).

Miscellaneous

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| HB 1281 | |
| Personal Identification Cards Issued by Department of Public Safety | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/29/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Gibbs |
| Code Sections Affected | New Code Sections |

- Requires the Department of Public Safety to issue personal identification cards to persons with disabilities upon application by the disabled person.
- Gives the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety the ability to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the identification card.
- Specifies what the identification card shall contain.

- The identification card is specially marked for persons with disabilities that impair their ability to climb stairs or enter normally designed buses or other vehicles and serves as sufficient proof for the need of special transportation.
- The identification card is also specially marked for patients who need special seating at public events.

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| SB 2511 Infant Mortality Task Force | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 4/20/05 |
| Effective Date | June 30, 2005 |
| Authors | Nunnelee |
| Code Sections Affected | 41-89-1, 41-89-3 |

- Extends the repealer for the Infant Mortality Task Force until July 1, 2006.
- Requires the Infant Mortality Task Force to conduct a study of oxygen saturation screening in newborns.

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| SB 2931 MS Disability Resource Commission | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 4/4/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Nunnelee |
| Code Sections Affected | New Code Section |

- Establishes the MS Disability Resource Commission whose function is to assimilate and provide information to persons who need disability information or services, refer those persons to the appropriate agencies, facilitate coordination of services and be a comprehensive clearinghouse of information for people with disabilities.

Organ Donation/Advance Directives

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| SB 2420 Protocol for Organ Donation | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 4/4/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Bryan |
| Code Sections Affected | 41-39-15, 41-61-59, 41-61-65, 41-41-209, 41-61-71 |

- Makes the hospital protocol for organ procurement inapplicable in cases where a declaration by the organ donor by will, power of attorney, living will or the anatomical gift law has been provided to the attending physician.
- Specifies the procedures to be followed in the event that a deceased organ donor patient is also the subject of a medical/legal death investigation.
- Specifies that an anatomical gift made by will, power of attorney for healthcare, living will or under the anatomical gift law supercedes any decision by the family of the individual making the organ donation.
- Adds a specific certificate for authorization for organ donation to the advance healthcare directive forms contained in MS Code §41-41-209.

Pharmacy

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| HB 607 | |
| Methamphetamine Reduction Act | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/3/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Smith (39 th) |
| Code Sections Affected | New Code Sections 41-29-313 |

- New code sections that regulate the purchase and sale of methamphetamine precursors including pseudoephedrine and related products.
- Places specific requirements on retail establishments who sell these products to place the product behind a counter or in a locked display.

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| HB 972 | |
| Limitation on Liability for Gratuitous Service Provided at Community Pharmacies | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/29/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Guice |
| Code Sections Affected | New Code Section |

- New code section that provides immunity from liability for community pharmacies, faith-based community pharmacies or a licensed pharmacist who voluntarily provides charitable services to the community.
- Requires the pharmacy seeking immunity to post a notice informing consumers of the limited liability.
- Specifies the content and size of the notice.

- Defines community pharmacy as a pharmacy operated solely for charitable purposes whose only function is to supply gratuitous pharmaceutical products and that is operated by a tax exempt non-profit organization.

| HB 1262 Pharmacy Board | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/14/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Holland |
| Code Sections Affected | 73-21-103 |

- Increases the monetary penalties that the Board of Pharmacy may impose for disciplinary action under the Mississippi Pharmacy Practice Act.
- Minimum monetary penalty increased from \$50 to \$250 for a 1st violation and from \$100 to \$500 for a 2nd violation. Maximum monetary penalty increased from \$500 to \$1,000 for a 1st violation and from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for a 2nd violation.
- Monetary penalties for wholesalers/manufacturers is increased from \$100 to \$300 minimum and from \$25,000 to \$50,000 maximum.

Public Hospitals

| HB 204 Group Purchase Programs | |
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| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/15/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Warren |
| Code Sections Affected | 31-7-38 |

- Extends repeal date until July 1, 2010.

Reimbursement

| SB 2817 Health Care Provider Reimbursement for Sexual Assault Evidence Collection | |
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| Status | Approved by Governor on 4/20/05 |
| Effective Date | |
| Authors | Albritton |
| Code Sections Affected | |

- Changes the procedures for reimbursement to health care providers for collection of sexual assault evidence.
- Hospitals, clinic and/or physician bills for the medical forensic examination and the preparation of sexual assault evidence collection kit (commonly known as a rape kit) are to be sent directly to the Division of Victim Compensation in the Attorney General's office rather than the district attorney.
- The Division of Victim Compensation, rather than the county, will pay health care providers for the examination.

Statute of Limitations

| HB 291 Statute of Limitations on Debts Where Partial Payment is Made | |
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| Status | Approved by Governor on 3/21/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Denny |
| Code Sections Affected | 15-1-3 |

- Statute of limitations in cases related to debt where a part of the debt has been paid or a promise to pay has been made will begin to run after the payment, acknowledgement or promise has been made.

Trauma

| SB 2471 | |
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| Increased Assessments for Trauma Care Services Fund | |
| Status | <i>Vetoed on 4/21/05</i> |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Nunnelee |
| Code Sections Affected | New Code Section, 43-47-39, 41-59-75, 99-19-73, 9-23-51 |

- Establishes a state special fund called the Vulnerable Adults Training, Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund. The fund's purpose is to provide funding for the vulnerable adults unit in the Attorney General's office, to assist with education and training of law enforcement, judges, state agencies, health professionals and the general public, and to assist the Attorney General in investigation and prosecution of vulnerable adult offenders.
- Increases state assessments on motor vehicle and other violations to provide increase funding for the MS Trauma Care Systems Fund, the Vulnerable Adults Education, Training, Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund, and the Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund.

| SB 2006 | |
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| Increased Assessments for Trauma Care Services Fund | |
| (2005 Second Extraordinary Session) | |
| Status | Approved by Governor on 5/24/05 |
| Effective Date | July 1, 2005 |
| Authors | Burton |
| Code Sections Affected | 41-59-75, 99-19-73, 9-23-51 |

- Bill is substantially the same as SB 2471 that was passed in the regular legislative session but vetoed by Governor Barbour.
- Increases the state assessments on motor vehicle and implied consent violations by \$5 to increase funding for the MS Trauma Care Systems Fund by approximately \$2 million each year.