

House Bill 800

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Thomas of the 56th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Stovall of the 74th, Thomas of the 39th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for health care services by providers
3 in bordering states to Georgia Medicaid recipients under certain conditions; to authorize the
4 Department of Community Health to enter into agreements and compacts with other states;
5 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
10 "49-4-159.

11 (a) Any licensed out-of-state health care provider providing obstetrical/gynecological
12 services within 50 miles of the state border of Georgia shall be considered an in-state
13 provider of medical assistance for purposes of this article so long as such health care
14 provider is licensed in good standing in the bordering state. Such health care provider shall
15 receive the same rate as is provided on behalf of Georgia Medicaid recipients to providers
16 located within this state pursuant to an agreement or compact entered into between the
17 department and such bordering state pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

18 (b) The department shall be authorized to enter into agreements and compacts with
19 bordering states with regard to rates paid on behalf of Georgia Medicaid recipients
20 receiving obstetrical/gynecological services within 50 miles of the state border of Georgia."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.