

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION**

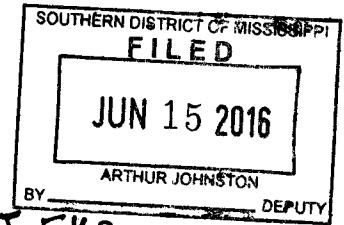
PLANNED PARENTHOOD SOUTHEAST,
INC.; PLANNED PARENTHOOD GREATER
MEMPHIS REGION, INC.; and JANE DOE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DAVID J. DZIELAK, Executive Director,
Mississippi Division of Medicaid, in his official
capacity,

Defendant.



No. 3:16-cv-454 DPJ-FKB

COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Plaintiffs Planned Parenthood Southeast, Inc. ("PPSE"), Planned Parenthood Greater Memphis Region, Inc. ("PPGMR"), and Jane Doe, by and through their attorneys, bring this Complaint against the above-named Defendant, his employees, agents, delegates, and successors in office, and in support thereof state the following:

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

1. This civil action is brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the United States Constitution to vindicate rights secured by the federal Medicaid statutes as well as the Equal Protection Clause and Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution.

2. Plaintiffs PPSE and PPGMR (the "Provider Plaintiffs") provide critically needed family planning and preventive health services to women and men in underserved areas of

Mississippi through the Mississippi Medicaid program. Mississippi Medicaid does not pay for abortions except in extremely narrow circumstances.

3. As is required by federal law, Medicaid enrollees, such as Plaintiff Jane Doe, may seek family planning services from the participating provider of their choice and have those services covered by Medicaid.

4. On May 10, 2016, Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant signed into law Mississippi Senate Bill 2238, 1st Regular Session (2016), to be codified at Miss. Code. Ann. § 43-13-117 (the “Act” or “SB 2238”) (attached hereto as Exhibit A). The Act disqualifies from eligibility to participate in Mississippi’s Medicaid program any entity that performs abortions, except in extremely narrowly defined circumstances.

5. The Act violates 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(23), which is known as the Medicaid free choice of provider requirement, because it will prevent the Provider Plaintiffs’ Mississippi Medicaid patients, including Jane Doe, from receiving services through the Medicaid program from the qualified, willing provider of their choice. The Act also violates the Equal Protection rights of the Provider Plaintiffs and their patients, including Jane Doe, because it singles them out for disfavorable treatment without a constitutionally sufficient justification. The Act further violates the Due Process rights of the Provider Plaintiffs and their patients because it imposes an unconstitutional condition on the Provider Plaintiffs’ eligibility to participate in Medicaid by disqualifying them from Medicaid based on their exercise of constitutionally protected activity.

6. As of July 1, 2016, the Act will disqualify the Provider Plaintiffs from providing critical services to Mississippi men and women who depend on them for that care. Without timely relief from this Court, the Act will cause irreparable harm to the Provider Plaintiffs’

Medicaid patients, including Jane Doe, who will lose their provider of choice and will find their access to critical health services interrupted.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. Subject-matter jurisdiction is conferred on this Court by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 & 1343.

8. Plaintiffs' claims for declaratory and injunctive relief are authorized by 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, by Rules 57 and 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and by the general legal and equitable powers of this Court.

9. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

THE PARTIES

A. Plaintiffs

10. Plaintiff PPSE is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Georgia. PPSE provides reproductive health care at a health center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as well as two health centers in Alabama and five in Georgia. PPSE participates in the Mississippi Medicaid program, providing medical services to low-income enrollees. The family planning and other preventive health services provided by PPSE at its Hattiesburg health center include physical exams, contraception and contraceptive counseling, screening for breast cancer, screening for cervical cancer, testing and treatment for certain sexually transmitted infections ("STIs"), and pregnancy testing and counseling. PPSE does not provide abortions in Mississippi but does in Alabama and Georgia. PPSE brings this action on behalf of itself and its patients.

11. Plaintiff PPGMR is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Tennessee. PPGMR provides reproductive health care at a health center in Memphis, Tennessee, and many of the patients it serves reside in Mississippi counties that lie within the Memphis

metropolitan area. PPGMR recently began to participate in the Mississippi Medicaid program, providing medical services to low-income enrollees. The family planning and other preventive health services provided by PPGMR at its Memphis health center include physical exams, contraception and contraceptive counseling, screening for breast cancer, screening for cervical cancer, testing and treatment for certain STIs, and pregnancy testing and counseling. PPGMR also provides abortions. PPGMR brings this action on behalf of itself and its patients.

12. Plaintiff Jane Doe is a Mississippi resident and Medicaid patient who obtains reproductive health care from PPGMR and desires to continue to do so.

B. Defendant

13. Defendant David J. Dzielak is the Executive Director of the Mississippi Division of Medicaid (“MDM”), the agency that administers the state Medicaid program which, in the absence of the Act, would disburse the funds at issue to PPSE and PPGMR. Defendant Dzielak is sued in his official capacity.

THE ACT

14. The Act provides that the Division of Medicaid “shall not authorize payment of part or all of the costs of care and services rendered by an entity that performs nontherapeutic abortions, maintains or operates a facility where nontherapeutic abortions are performed, or is affiliated with such an entity.” SB 2338 § 1. The Act goes on to define “nontherapeutic abortions” as “abortions that are not qualified for federal matching funds under the Medicaid program, 42 USC Section 1396 et seq.” *Id.* Such abortions are those limited to life endangerment, rape and incest. Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-113, Div. H, tit. V, §§ 506–507, 129 Stat. 2242, 2649.

THE MEDICAID PROGRAM

A. The Medicaid Statute

15. The Medicaid program, established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act of 1935, 42 U.S.C. § 1396 *et seq.*, pays for medical care for eligible needy people. A state may elect whether or not to participate; if it chooses to do so, it must comply with the requirements imposed by the Medicaid statute and by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) in her administration of Medicaid. *See generally* 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(1)–(83).

16. To receive federal funding, a participating state must develop a “plan for medical assistance” and submit it to the Secretary of HHS for approval. 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a).

17. Among other requirements, the State plan must provide that: “[A]ny individual eligible for medical assistance . . . may obtain such assistance from any institution, agency, community pharmacy, or person, qualified to perform the service or services required . . . who undertakes to provide him such services.” 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(23)(A).

18. Congress has singled out family planning services for special additional protections to ensure freedom of choice, specifically providing that, with respect to these services and with certain limited exceptions not applicable here, “enrollment of an individual eligible for medical assistance in a primary care case-management system . . . , a medicaid managed care organization, or a similar entity shall not restrict the choice of the qualified person from whom the individual may receive services” 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(23)(B); 42 C.F.R. § 431.51(b)(2) (implementing regulations requiring the same).

19. The federal government reimburses the state of Mississippi 90% of expenditures attributable to offering, arranging, and furnishing family planning services and supplies in Medicaid. 42 U.S.C. § 1396b(a)(5).

B. Implementation of the Medicaid Act

20. For decades, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”), the agency within HHS that administers Medicaid (and its predecessor organization), has repeatedly interpreted the “qualified” language in Section 1396a(a)(23) to prohibit states from denying access to a provider for reasons unrelated to the ability of that provider to perform Medicaid-covered services or to properly bill for those services, including reasons such as the scope of the medical services that the provider offers.

21. CMS has long explained that “[t]he purpose of the free choice provision is to allow [Medicaid] recipients the same opportunities to choose among available providers of covered health care and services as are normally offered to the general population.” Ctrs. for Medicare & Medicaid Servs., CMS Manuals Publication #45, State Medicaid Manual § 2100.

22. Consistent with this, CMS has issued guidance making clear that

States are not [] permitted to exclude providers from the program solely on the basis of the range of medical services they provide. . . . Medicaid programs may not exclude qualified health care providers . . . from providing services under the program because they separately provide abortion services (not funded by Medicaid dollars, consistent with the federal prohibition) as part of their scope of practice.

Cindy Mann, Dir., CMS, CMCS Informational Bulletin: Update on Medicaid/CHIP, June 1, 2011, <https://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/downloads/6-1-11-Info-Bulletin.pdf>.

23. CMS recently reiterated this guidance on April 19, 2016 via a letter to all State Medicaid Directors, which stated:

The “free choice of provider” provision is specific with respect to the free choice of family planning providers. . . . [S]tates may not deny qualification to family planning providers, or take other action against qualified family planning providers, that affects beneficiary access to those providers—whether individual providers, physician groups, outpatient clinics or hospitals—solely because they separately provide family planning services or the full range of legally permissible gynecological and obstetric care, including abortion services (not funded by federal Medicaid dollars, consistent with the federal prohibition), as part of their scope of practice.

Letter from Vikki Wachino, Dir., CMS, to State Medicaid Dirs. 2 (Apr. 19, 2016),

<https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/SMD16005.pdf>.

24. Accordingly, CMS has a long history of rejecting state plans that seek to limit the type of provider that can provide particular services. For example, in 2011 CMS rejected an Indiana plan that barred state agencies from contracting with or making grants to any entities that perform abortion because it violated the Medicaid freedom of choice provision. Letter from Donald M. Berwick, Adm’r., CMS, to Patricia Casanova, Dir., Ind. Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (June 1, 2011), http://www.politico.com/static/PPM169_110601_indiana_letter.html. *See also* 53 Fed. Reg. 8699-03 (Mar. 16, 1988) (noting rejection of a state plan that would limit providers to “private nonprofit” organizations); 67 Fed. Reg. 79121 (Dec. 27, 2002) (noting disapproval of a state plan amendment that would have limited “beneficiary choice . . . by imposing standards that are not reasonably related to the qualifications of providers”); Letter from Marilyn Tavenner, Adm’r, CMS, to Beverly Mackereth, Sec’y, Pa. Dep’t of Pub. Welfare (Aug. 28, 2014), <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/downloads/pa/pa-healthy-ca.pdf> (denying request from Pennsylvania to waive § 1396a(a)(23) in demonstration projects under Social Security Act, § 1115: “No waiver of freedom of choice is authorized for family planning providers.”); Letter from Manning Pellanda, Dir., CMS Div. of State Demonstrations and Waivers, to Julie Lovelady, Interim

Medicaid Dir., Iowa Dep't of Human Servs. (Feb. 2, 2015), <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/downloads/ia/wellness-plan/ia-wellness-plan-current-appvl-02022015.pdf> (denying similar request from Iowa: "No waiver of freedom of choice is authorized for family planning providers.").

25. Furthermore, when two states, Indiana and Arizona, passed statutes virtually identical to the Act at issue in this case, those statutes were found to violate the Medicaid free choice of provider requirement and were struck down. *Planned Parenthood of Ind., Inc. v. Comm'r of Ind. State Dep't of Health*, 699 F.3d 962 (7th Cir. 2012), *cert. denied*, 133 S. Ct. 2736 (2013); *Planned Parenthood Ariz. Inc. v. Belach*, 727 F.3d 960 (9th Cir. 2013), *cert. denied*, 134 S. Ct. 1283 (2014).

MISSISSIPPI'S HISTORY OF ANIMUS TOWARD ABORTION

26. Mississippi has among the most restrictive abortion laws in the country. As a result, the number of abortion providers in Mississippi has steadily declined, from 14 providers in 1981 to just one remaining today. Kate Sheppard, *Inside Mississippi's Last Abortion Clinic*, Mother Jones (Jan. 22, 2013), <http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2013/01/inside-mississippis-last-abortion-clinic>. Governor Bryant and other anti-abortion politicians in Mississippi have consistently worked to restrict access to abortion and, ultimately, to shut down that last provider and eliminate abortion access in the state entirely.

27. Current Mississippi laws already severely restrict access to abortion. The state imposes a 24-hour delay on women seeking abortion following receipt of state-mandated information. Miss. Code. Ann. § 41-41-33. Women must undergo an ultrasound and must be offered the opportunity to view the ultrasound and hear the fetal heartbeat prior to obtaining an abortion. Miss. Code. Ann. § 41-41-34. It is illegal to perform an abortion after 20 weeks

gestation unless the woman's life is in danger or she is at risk of severe health impairment or if there is a severe fetal anomaly. Miss. Code. Ann. § 41-41-137. Minors require the written consent of both their parents in order to obtain an abortion. Miss. Code. Ann. § 41-41-53. Abortion is covered in insurance policies for public employees only in cases of life endangerment, rape or incest or fetal abnormality. Miss. Code. Ann. § 41-41-91. Insurance provided in any exchange established pursuant to the Affordable Care Act cannot cover abortions except in cases of life-endangerment, rape or incest. Miss. Code. Ann. § 41-41-99.

28. In 2012, Mississippi passed a law requiring physicians who provide abortion and are associated with an abortion facility to have admitting privileges at a local hospital. Miss. Code. Ann. § 41-75-1. Politicians were clear that the purpose of the bill was to "close the only abortion clinic in Mississippi." Joe Sutton and Tom Watkins, *Mississippi Legislature Tightens Restrictions on Abortion Providers*, CNN Politics (Apr. 4 2012), <http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/04/politics/mississippi-abortion>. Governor Bryant signed the bill and stated, "I will continue to work to make Mississippi abortion-free." *Mississippi On Way to Becoming 'Abortion-Free' State?*, NBC News (Apr. 5, 2012), http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/04/05/11039503-mississippi-on-way-to-becoming-abortion-free-state. The law has been enjoined. *Jackson Women's Health Org. v. Currier*, 760 F.3d 448 (5th Cir. 2014), *petition for cert. filed*, No. 14-997.

29. During the 2016 legislative session, in addition to the Act, Mississippi banned the most common method of second trimester abortions in the United States. Mississippi House Bill 519, attached hereto as Ex. B. Upon signing the bill, Governor Bryant stated, "We're making Mississippi the safest place in America for an unborn child." Jeff Amy, *Bryant signs bill banning 2nd trimester abortion method*, Clarion Ledger (Apr. 15, 2016),

<http://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/politics/2016/04/15/bryant-signs-bill-banning-2nd-trimester-abortion-method/83092298/>.

30. The Act is yet another attack on abortion and abortion providers. State Senator Joey Fillingane, who authored the Act, stated, “The idea that we would take state tax dollars, which these are, and provide to an entity like Planned Parenthood, which is the number one abortion provider in the country, is just mind blowing. . . They provide family planning services, which is a nice, tidy way of saying . . . if you don’t want to keep this baby, you should go to an abortion clinic.” Amanda LaBrot, *Mississippi Senate Votes to Stop Funding Planned Parenthood*, MS News Now (Mar. 3, 2016), <http://www.msnewsnow.com/story/31382112/mississippi-senate-votes-to-stop-funding-planned-parenthood>. Governor Bryant similarly issued a statement saying “Happy to sign Senate Bill 2238. Taxpayers dollars should not fund abortions.” Phil Bryant (@PhilBryantMS), Twitter (May 10, 2016), <https://twitter.com/PhilBryantMS/status/730151336709390337>.

**THE PROVIDER PLAINTIFFS’ PARTICIPATION IN MISSISSIPPI MEDICAID AND
THE IMPACT OF THE ACT**

31. PPSE has been an enrolled provider in the Mississippi Medicaid program since 2013. PPSE has recently been working to expand services, including services for Mississippi Medicaid patients, at its Hattiesburg health center in order to increase access to reproductive healthcare for patients in the area.

32. The Mississippi Division of Medicaid approved PPGMR as an enrolled Mississippi Medicaid provider in 2016. Prior to becoming an enrolled provider, PPGMR received 1–2 phone calls per week from Mississippi Medicaid patients inquiring as to whether PPGMR accepted Mississippi Medicaid.

33. Only the neediest individuals in Mississippi are eligible to receive Medicaid coverage. In order to qualify for Mississippi Medicaid, among other requirements, an adult must be low-income and pregnant, disabled, or the parent/caretaker of a child. MDM, *Who Qualifies for Coverage?*, <https://medicaid.ms.gov/medicaid-coverage/who-qualifies-for-coverage/>. For example, in order for an adult to qualify for Mississippi Medicaid as the parent or caregiver of a child, the monthly income of a family of four cannot exceed \$462. MDM, *Income Limits for Medicaid and CHIP Programs*, <https://medicaid.ms.gov/medicaid-coverage/who-qualifies-for-coverage/income-limits-for-medicaid-and-chip-programs/>. Mississippi also has a Family Planning waiver program which expands Medicaid eligibility for family planning services only for men and women of reproductive age. In order to be eligible for the waiver program, a beneficiary must have income at or below 194% of the federal poverty level. *Id.*

34. The need for publicly supported family planning services is great in Mississippi. In 2010, 62% of pregnancies in Mississippi were unintended, well above the national rate of 45%. Guttmacher Inst., *State Facts About Unintended Pregnancy: Mississippi* (2014), <https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/state-facts-about-unintended-pregnancy-mississippi>. Mississippi has the second highest rate of teen pregnancies in the country, at 70 pregnancies per 1000 women aged 15-19. Guttmacher Inst., *U.S. Teenage Pregnancies, Births and Abortions, 2011: State Trends by Age, Race and Ethnicity* (2016), <https://www.guttmacher.org/report/us-teen-pregnancy-state-trends-2011#full-article>.

35. Over the past decade, the need for publicly funded contraceptive services has increased while resources have decreased. Of the estimated 335,980 Mississippi women who needed family planning services in 2013, a significant majority (67.4%) require publicly funded contraceptive services and supplies. Jennifer L. Frost et al., Guttmacher Institute, *Contraceptive*

Needs and Services, 2013 Update 18, 20 (July 2015), <https://www.guttmacher.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/pubs/win/contraceptive-needs-2013.pdf>. From 2010 to 2013, the number of women needing publicly funded contraceptive services and supplies increased 6%, *id.* at 22, while the number of women being served *decreased* 17%. *Id.* at 26. Indeed, from 2001 to 2013, the percentage of need met by publicly supported family planning centers has decreased from well over half to less than one-third. *Id.* at 28.

36. Mississippi also regularly ranks among the worst states for STIs, with rates at or above the national average for every STI tracked by Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) surveillance. Among these are chlamydia and gonorrhea (second highest rates in the country), primary and secondary syphilis, and HIV. CDC, *Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance 2014* 81, 93, 107 (Nov. 2015), <https://www.cdc.gov/std/stats14/surv-2014-print.pdf>. The geographical area designated by the Mississippi State Department of Health as Public Health District 8, which includes the county where PPSE’s Hattiesburg clinic is located, has the third highest rate of HIV in the state. Miss. State Dep’t of Health, *Reported Cases & Rates of HIV Disease by Dist. and Cty.: Miss., 2010-2014*, http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/6001.pdf. Mississippi’s capitol, Jackson, has the fourth highest rate of HIV of all metropolitan statistical areas in the entire country. CDC, *Diagnoses of HIV Infection in the United States & Dependent Areas, 2014*, 26 HIV Surveillance Report (Nov. 2015), <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/library/reports/surveillance/cdc-hiv-surveillance-report-us.pdf>.

37. The Provider Plaintiffs seek to continue to work to meet the need for publicly supported family planning services by continuing as Medicaid providers. PPSE’s Hattiesburg health center, for example, provides care in an HHS-designated Primary Care Health

Professional Shortage Area—a geographic area in which primary care professionals are practically inaccessible. Each of the six counties that neighbor Forrest County, where the health center is located, is also designated as a medically underserved population area. PPGMR's Memphis health center is just across the border from DeSoto County, Mississippi, which is designated as a medically underserved population area. The three additional closest Mississippi counties to PPGMR's health center (Tunica, Tate, and Marshall Counties) have been designated as both medically underserved population areas and as primary care professional shortage areas. U.S. Dep't of Health and Human Servs., Find Shortage Areas, Health Resources and Services Administration, <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/tools/analyzers/geo/ShortageArea.aspx> (enter clinic or county seat address and click "submit").

38. Because of the Act, unless the Provider Plaintiffs were to cease providing abortions (except under the extremely narrow circumstances allowed under the Medicaid program), they will no longer be able to receive reimbursement for providing healthcare services to patients through the Mississippi Medicaid program. If the Provider Plaintiffs are unable to provide services through the Medicaid program, it would fundamentally defeat the core of their missions: to provide the health care and information people need to plan their families and their futures, with a special concern for patients living near the poverty line, and to promote their patients' health, safety and well-being. They will also lose the revenue from providing services to Medicaid patients. Although that revenue is currently small, both PPSE and PPGMR have been working to expand and hope to continue to do so.

39. In order to continue to fulfill their mission of ensuring broad access to reproductive healthcare in Mississippi, the Provider Plaintiffs will temporarily continue to serve Mississippi Medicaid patients while they litigate this case, but they will not be able to do so

indefinitely. PPSE will temporarily utilize grant money to assist Medicaid patients to cover the costs of their services, but that grant money is finite. PPGMR will serve Mississippi Medicaid patients and refrain from submitting claims for reimbursement for those services, which they may do for a year under the terms of the program, unless and until they prevail in this lawsuit, taking on the financial risk that they may be unable to seek reimbursement. However, if Plaintiffs do not timely receive relief from this Court, PPSE and PPGMR will be forced to either turn away Mississippi Medicaid patients or require them to self-pay for their care.

40. Therefore, if the Act is upheld, it will cause Plaintiffs' Mississippi Medicaid patients, including Jane Doe, to be denied access to the provider of their choice. Patients insured through Medicaid choose to receive their reproductive health care from Planned Parenthood based on a number of factors that are generally not available at other providers. With their evidence-based practices and up-to-date technology, Planned Parenthood health centers are known as providers of high-quality medical care. Many patients also turn to these providers for their reproductive health care because they are concerned about their privacy and fear being judged by other providers.

41. In addition, many low-income patients have unique scheduling constraints because they are juggling inflexible work schedules, childcare obligations, transportation challenges, and lack of childcare resources. To ensure that these patients have access to family planning services, PPSE and PPGMR offer walk-in appointments, and offer same day birth control shots, birth control implants, and intrauterine devices (which are the most effective methods of contraception), so that patients only need to make one trip to a health center to obtain their contraceptive method of choice. PPGMR also offers extended hours and Saturday hours.

PPSE and PPGMR also have either Spanish-speaking staff or translator services available to non-English speaking patients at all times.

42. Women and men who are unable to obtain family planning care, or encounter delays in obtaining it, can face devastating consequences, including undetected cancers and diseases. Delays in obtaining contraception will result in unintended pregnancies, many of which may end in abortion.

43. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law.

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

CLAIM I—MEDICAID ACT (TITLE XIX OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACT)

44. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate Paragraphs 1 through 43 above.

45. The Act violates Section 1396a(a)(23) of Title 42 of the United States Code by denying the Provider Plaintiffs' Mississippi Medicaid patients, including Jane Doe, the right to choose any willing, qualified health care provider in the Medicaid program.

CLAIM II—FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT EQUAL PROTECTION

46. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate Paragraphs 1 through 43 above.

47. The Act violates the equal protection rights of the Provider Plaintiffs and their patients, including Jane Doe, by singling them out for unfavorable treatment without adequate justification.

CLAIM III—FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT DUE PROCESS

48. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate Paragraphs 1 through 43 above.

49. The Act violates the due process rights of the Provider Plaintiffs and their patients by imposing an unconstitutional condition on the Provider Plaintiffs' eligibility to participate in

Medicaid based on their exercise, and their patients' exercise, of constitutionally protected activity.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that this Court:

50. Issue a declaratory judgment that the Act violates the Medicaid Act and is therefore void and of no effect;

51. Issue a declaratory judgment that the Act violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and is therefore void and of no effect;

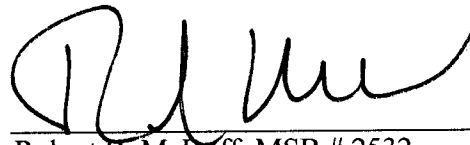
52. Issue a declaratory judgment that the Act violates the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and is therefore void and of no effect;

53. Issue permanent injunctive relief, without bond, restraining the enforcement, operation, and execution of the Act by enjoining Defendant, his agents, employees, appointees, delegates, or successors from enforcing, threatening to enforce, or otherwise applying the provisions of the Act;

54. Grant Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988; and,

55. Grant such further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of June, 2016.



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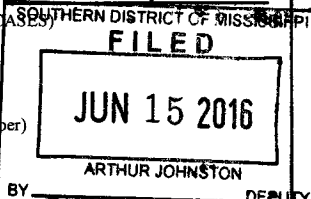
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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Planned Parenthood Southeast, Inc.; Planned Parenthood of the Greater Memphis Region, Inc.; Jane Doe

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Forrest County

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)



(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

See attachment.

DEFENDANTS

Mississippi Division of Medicaid, David J. Dzielak, Executive Director, in his official capacity

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

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Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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| Citizen of Another State | ☐ 2 | ☐ 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | ☐ 5 | ☐ 5 |
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IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
☐ 110 Insurance ☐ 120 Marine ☐ 130 Miller Act ☐ 140 Negotiable Instrument ☐ 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment ☐ 151 Medicare Act ☐ 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) ☐ 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits ☐ 160 Stockholders' Suits ☐ 190 Other Contract ☐ 195 Contract Product Liability ☐ 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY ☐ 310 Airplane ☐ 315 Airplane Product Liability ☐ 320 Assault, Libel & Slander ☐ 330 Federal Employers' Liability ☐ 340 Marine ☐ 345 Marine Product Liability ☐ 350 Motor Vehicle ☐ 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability ☐ 360 Other Personal Injury PERSONAL INJURY ☐ 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice ☐ 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability ☐ 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY ☐ 370 Other Fraud ☐ 371 Truth in Lending ☐ 380 Other Personal Property Damage ☐ 385 Property Damage Product Liability	☐ 610 Agriculture ☐ 620 Other Food & Drug ☐ 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 ☐ 630 Liquor Laws ☐ 640 R.R. & Truck ☐ 650 Airline Regs. ☐ 660 Occupational Safety/Health ☐ 690 Other	☐ 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 ☐ 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS ☐ 820 Copyrights ☐ 830 Patent ☐ 840 Trademark LABOR ☐ 710 Fair Labor Standards Act ☐ 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations ☐ 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act ☐ 740 Railway Labor Act ☐ 790 Other Labor Litigation ☐ 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	☐ 400 State Reapportionment ☐ 410 Antitrust ☐ 430 Banks and Banking ☐ 450 Commerce ☐ 460 Deportation ☐ 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations ☐ 480 Consumer Credit ☐ 490 Cable/Sat TV ☐ 810 Selective Service ☐ 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange ☐ 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 ☐ 890 Other Statutory Actions ☐ 891 Agricultural Acts ☐ 892 Economic Stabilization Act ☐ 893 Environmental Matters ☐ 894 Energy Allocation Act ☐ 895 Freedom of Information Act ☐ 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice ☐ 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY ☐ 210 Land Condemnation ☐ 220 Foreclosure ☐ 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment ☐ 240 Torts to Land ☐ 245 Tort Product Liability ☐ 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS ☐ 441 Voting ☐ 442 Employment ☐ 443 Housing/Accommodations ☐ 444 Welfare ☐ 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment ☐ 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other ☒ 440 Other Civil Rights	PRISONER PETITIONS ☐ 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence Habeas Corpus: ☐ 530 General ☐ 535 Death Penalty ☐ 540 Mandamus & Other ☐ 550 Civil Rights ☐ 555 Prison Condition	SOCIAL SECURITY ☐ 861 HIA (1395ff) ☐ 862 Black Lung (923) ☐ 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) ☐ 864 SSID Title XVI ☐ 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS ☐ 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) ☐ 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	

V. ORIGIN

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- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
- ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
- ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)
- ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
- ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing. (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
42 U.S.C. 1983 and 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(23)

Brief description of cause:
Challenge to statute excluding Plaintiffs from Mississippi Medicaid program

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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EXHIBIT A

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2016

By: Senator(s) Fillingane, Watson, McDaniel To: Medicaid; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2238
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID FROM AUTHORIZING
2 PAYMENT OF PART OR ALL OF THE COSTS OF CARE AND SERVICES RENDERED
3 BY ANY ENTITY THAT PERFORMS NONTHERAPEUTIC ABORTIONS, MAINTAINS OR
4 OPERATES A FACILITY WHERE NONTHERAPEUTIC ABORTIONS ARE PERFORMED,
5 OR IS AFFILIATED WITH SUCH AN ENTITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of Section
8 43-13-117, the division shall not authorize payment of part or all
9 of the costs of care and services rendered by any entity that
10 performs nontherapeutic abortions, maintains or operates a
11 facility where nontherapeutic abortions are performed, or is
12 affiliated with such an entity. For purposes of this provision,
13 "nontherapeutic abortions" means abortions that are not qualified
14 for federal matching funds under the Medicaid program, 42 USC
15 Section 1396 et seq., and as amended hereafter, and "affiliated
16 with" means having a legal relationship with another entity
17 created or governed by one or more written instruments that
18 demonstrates common control, ownership, franchisee status or
19 management, or that grants a license or other authority to utilize



20 the other entity's brand name, trademark, service mark or other
21 registered identification mark.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2016.



EXHIBIT B

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2016

By: Representatives Mims, Eubanks, Dixon,
Hopkins, Henley, Crawford, Formby, Gipson

To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 519
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO BE KNOWN AS THE MISSISSIPPI UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION
2 FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION ACT; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO
3 PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO PURPOSELY PERFORM OR
4 ATTEMPT TO PERFORM A DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION AND THEREBY KILL AN
5 UNBORN CHILD UNLESS NECESSARY TO PREVENT SERIOUS HEALTH RISK TO
6 THE UNBORN CHILD'S MOTHER; TO AUTHORIZE INJUNCTIONS TO PREVENT
7 DISMEMBERMENT ABORTIONS; TO AUTHORIZE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR CIVIL
8 DAMAGES AGAINST PERSONS WHO HAVE PERFORMED DISMEMBERMENT
9 ABORTIONS; TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS
10 ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF PRIVACY IN COURT PROCEEDINGS
11 FOR WOMEN UPON WHOM AN ABORTION HAS BEEN PERFORMED; AND FOR
12 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

14 **SECTION 1. Short title.** This act may be cited as the
15 "Mississippi Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion
16 Act."

17 **SECTION 2. Definitions.** For the purposes of this act, the
18 following terms shall be defined as provided in this section:

19 (a) "Abortion" means the use or prescription of any
20 instrument, medicine, drug, or any other substance or device:

21 (i) To purposely kill the unborn child of a woman
22 known to be pregnant; or



23 (ii) To purposely terminate the pregnancy of a
24 woman known to be pregnant, with a purpose other than:

25 1. After viability to produce a live birth
26 and preserve the life and health of the child born alive; or

27 2. To remove a dead unborn child.

28 (b) "Attempt to perform an abortion" means to do or
29 omit to do anything that, under the circumstances as the actor
30 believes them to be, is an act or omission constituting a
31 substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in
32 oneself performing an abortion. Such substantial steps include,
33 but are not limited to:

34 (i) Agreeing with an individual to perform an
35 abortion on that individual or on some other person, whether or
36 not the term "abortion" is used in the agreement, and whether or
37 not the agreement is contingent on another factor such as receipt
38 of payment or a determination of pregnancy; or

39 (ii) Scheduling or planning a time to perform an
40 abortion on an individual, whether or not the term "abortion" is
41 used, and whether or not the performance is contingent on another
42 factor such as receipt of payment or a determination of pregnancy.

43 This definition shall not be construed to require that an
44 abortion procedure actually must be initiated for an attempt to
45 occur.

46 (c) "Dismemberment abortion" means, with the purpose of
47 causing the death of an unborn child, purposely to dismember a



48 living unborn child and extract him or her one piece at a time
49 from the uterus through use of clamps, grasping forceps, tongs,
50 scissors or similar instruments that, through the convergence of
51 two rigid levers, slice, crush, and/or grasp a portion of the
52 unborn child's body to cut or rip it off.

53 The term "dismemberment abortion" does not include an
54 abortion that uses suction to dismember the body of the unborn
55 child by sucking fetal parts into a collection container, although
56 it does include an abortion in which a dismemberment abortion is
57 used to cause the death of an unborn child but suction is
58 subsequently used to extract fetal parts after the death of the
59 unborn child.

60 (d) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice
61 medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, or
62 otherwise legally authorized to perform an abortion.

63 (e) "Purposely" means the following: A person acts
64 purposely with respect to a material element of an offense when:

65 (i) If the element involves the nature of his
66 conduct or a result thereof, it is his conscious object to engage
67 in conduct of that nature or to cause such a result; and

68 (ii) If the element involves the attendant
69 circumstances, he is aware of the existence of those circumstances
70 or he believes or hopes that they exist.

71 (f) "Serious health risk to the unborn child's mother"
72 means that in reasonable medical judgment, she has a condition



73 that so complicates her medical condition that it necessitates the
74 abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death or to avert serious
75 risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a
76 major bodily function, not including psychological or emotional
77 conditions. No such condition may be determined to exist if it is
78 based on a claim or diagnosis that the woman will engage in
79 conduct that she intends to result in her death or in substantial
80 and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function.

81 (g) "Woman" means a female human being whether or not
82 she has reached the age of majority.

83 **SECTION 3. Dismemberment abortion prohibited.** (1)

84 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful
85 for any person to purposely perform or attempt to perform a
86 dismemberment abortion and thereby kill an unborn child unless
87 necessary to prevent serious health risk to the unborn child's
88 mother.

89 (2) A person accused in any proceeding of unlawful conduct
90 under subsection (1) of this section may seek a hearing before the
91 State Board of Medical Licensure on whether the dismemberment
92 abortion was necessary to prevent serious health risk to the
93 unborn child's mother. The board's findings are admissible on
94 that issue at any trial in which the unlawful conduct is alleged.
95 Upon a motion of the person accused, the court shall delay the
96 beginning of the trial for not more than thirty (30) days to
97 permit such a hearing to take place.



98 (3) No woman upon whom an abortion is performed or attempted
99 to be performed shall be thereby liable for performing or
100 attempting to perform a dismemberment abortion. No nurse,
101 technician, secretary, receptionist or other employee or agent who
102 is not a physician but who acts at the direction of a physician,
103 and no pharmacist or other individual who is not a physician but
104 who fills a prescription or provides instruments or materials used
105 in an abortion at the direction of or to a physician shall be
106 thereby liable for performing or attempting to perform a
107 dismemberment abortion.

108 (4) This act does not prevent abortion for any reason,
109 including rape and incest by any other method.

110 **SECTION 4. Remedies - Injunctions against dismemberment**

111 **abortions.** (1) Civil and criminal penalties for violations of
112 this act may be imposed under the following priority:

- 113 (a) Injunctive relief;
114 (b) Civil cause of action; and
115 (c) Criminal action.

116 (2) A cause of action for injunctive relief against a person
117 who has performed or attempted to perform a dismemberment abortion
118 in violation of Section 3 of this act may be maintained as a
119 priority action by:

120 (a) A woman upon whom such a dismemberment abortion was
121 performed or attempted to be performed;



122 (b) A person who is the spouse, parent or guardian of,
123 or a current or former licensed health care provider of, a woman
124 upon whom such a dismemberment abortion was performed or attempted
125 to be performed; or

126 (c) A prosecuting attorney with appropriate
127 jurisdiction.

128 (3) The injunction shall prevent the defendant from
129 performing or attempting to perform further dismemberment
130 abortions in violation of Section 3 of this act in this state.

131 **SECTION 5. Civil remedies.** (1) Only in the event a cause
132 of action for injunctive relief under Section 4 has been denied by
133 a court of competent jurisdiction, a cause of action for civil
134 damages against a person who has performed a dismemberment
135 abortion in violation of Section 3 of this act may be maintained
136 by:

137 (a) Any woman upon whom a dismemberment abortion has
138 been performed in violation of Section 3 of this act;

139 (b) The father of the unborn child, if married to the
140 woman at the time the dismemberment abortion was performed; or

141 (c) If the woman had not attained the age of eighteen
142 (18) years at the time of the dismemberment abortion or has died
143 as a result of the abortion, the maternal grandparents of the
144 unborn child.

145 (2) No damages may be awarded a plaintiff if the pregnancy
146 resulted from the plaintiff's criminal conduct.



147 (3) Damages awarded in such an action shall include:

148 (a) Money damages for all injuries, psychological and
149 physical, occasioned by the dismemberment abortion; and

150 (b) Statutory damages equal to three (3) times the cost
151 of the dismemberment abortion.

152 **SECTION 6. Attorney's fees.** (1) If judgment is rendered in
153 favor of the plaintiff in an action described in Section 4 or 5 of
154 this act, the court shall also render judgment for a reasonable
155 attorney's fee in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant.

156 (2) If judgment is rendered in favor of the defendant in an
157 action described in Section 4 or 5 of this act and the court finds
158 that the plaintiff's suit was frivolous and brought in bad faith,
159 the court shall render judgment for a reasonable attorney's fee in
160 favor of the defendant against the plaintiff.

161 (3) No attorney's fee may be assessed against the woman upon
162 whom a dismemberment abortion was performed or attempted to be
163 performed except in accordance with subsection (2) of this
164 section.

165 **SECTION 7. Criminal penalty.** Only in the event a judgment
166 is rendered in favor of the defendant in an action described in
167 Section 4 or 5 of this act, a district attorney with jurisdiction
168 may bring an indictment for criminal punishment under this
169 section. Any person who violates Section 3 of this act is guilty
170 of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine not
171 more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or commitment to the



172 custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than two (2)
173 years, or both.

174 **SECTION 8. Protection of privacy in court proceedings.** In
175 every civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding or action
176 brought under this act, the court shall rule whether the anonymity
177 of any woman upon whom a dismemberment abortion has been performed
178 or attempted to be performed shall be preserved from public
179 disclosure if she does not give her consent to the disclosure.
180 The court, upon motion or sua sponte, shall make such a ruling
181 and, upon determining that her anonymity should be preserved,
182 shall issue orders to the parties, witnesses, and counsel and
183 shall direct the sealing of the record and exclusion of
184 individuals from courtrooms or hearing rooms to the extent
185 necessary to safeguard her identity from public disclosure. Each
186 such order shall be accompanied by specific written findings
187 explaining why the anonymity of the woman should be preserved from
188 public disclosure, why the order is essential to that end, how the
189 order is narrowly tailored to serve that interest, and why no
190 reasonable less restrictive alternative exists. In the absence of
191 written consent of the woman upon whom a dismemberment abortion
192 has been performed or attempted to be performed, anyone other than
193 a public official who brings an action under Section 4 or 5 of
194 this act shall do so under a pseudonym. This section may not be
195 construed to conceal the identity of the plaintiff or of witnesses
196 from the defendant or from attorneys for the defendant.



197 **SECTION 9. Construction.** Nothing in this act shall be
198 construed as creating or recognizing a right to abortion, nor a
199 right to a particular method of abortion.

200 **SECTION 10. Severability.** If any one or more provisions,
201 sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or words of
202 this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance
203 is found to be unconstitutional, the same is declared to be
204 severable and the balance of this act shall remain effective
205 notwithstanding such unconstitutionality. The Legislature
206 declares that it would have passed this act, and each provision,
207 section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word thereof,
208 irrespective of the fact that any one or more provisions,
209 sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or words be
210 declared unconstitutional.

211 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
212 and after July 1, 2016.

