



Specialty Tier Reform Update – Week of February 2, 2015

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STATES

<u>Mississippi</u>

Legislation to ban specialty tier coinsurance dies in committee

The House Insurance Committee refused to consider legislation this week that would prohibit health plans from using specialty tiers that require subscribers pay a percentage cost for prescription drugs.

The bill sponsored by Rep. Alyce Clarke (D) would have declared specialty tiers as contrary to the purpose of health insurance. H.B. 90 also sought to limit prescription drug copayments to no more than 500 percent of the lowest copayment required by the policy for its formulary medications and out-ofpocket drug expenses could not exceed \$1,000 per year for each insured or \$2,000 per insured family.