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NEW SECTION. Section 1. Direct access to dermatological services -- definitions. (1) As used in this section, the following definitions apply:

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(b) "Health benefit policy" means an individual or group disability insurance plan, policy, or contract issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state by a health care insurer or a nonprofit hospital or medical service corporation.

(c) "Primary care physician" means primary care physician as defined in 39-71-1105.

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NEW SECTION. Section 2. Saving clause. [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

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