

## PRESENTATION TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE SELECT STUDY COMMITTEE

Objective: To sell the proposal to the people of Mississippi, not just the committee. We want the people to see exactly what's being proposed and how it can affect them in a positive way. They need to see that this is something that can really make a difference in their lives and in their pocketbooks.

Message: This is a complicated proposal, and that's why it was laid on the table five months before the 2002 legislative session. It will take a strong cooperative effort between the Governor's Office, the Attorney General's office and the Legislature to make it work. There is no final plan right now, but if we cooperate a plan to benefit the people of Mississippi can be crafted.

Points:

- 1) Right now, this is the most important thing we can do for Mississippi
- 2) The executive and legislative branches have cooperated before with good results (Advantage Mississippi, Nissan, Medicaid Upper Limit)
- 3) Highest match + lowest spending = least effort to help
- 4) Improvements can be made for all Mississippians, but shouldn't be made on the backs of state employees
- 5) "a quarter of prevention is worth a dollar of cure"
- 6) DO THE MATH