

“On July 26, I offered a proposal for maximizing federal dollars for health care. I did this five months before the next legislative session, so the members of the Legislature and the public would have plenty of time to study it, comment on it, and perhaps improve it. The proposal addresses the issues of healthcare that affect thousands of Mississippians today and every day.

I am pleased they have chosen to move ahead with a review of my proposal, and look forward to working with them to develop options that will benefit the people of Mississippi.”

“Too many Mississippians, both young and old, do not have access to health care, or the insurance that provides that access. This is devastating to both individuals and communities. We have a responsibility to the people of Mississippi, and that includes fixing our health insurance problems.

Five months before the legislative session, we have presented a proposal that works for the people of Mississippi. I believe when the Legislature looks at our plan, they will agree, and I look forward to work with them.

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**Statement from Governor Ronnie Musgrove Concerning the Joint  
Select Legislative Study Committee**

“Many people across Mississippi do not have access to quality health care, health insurance, good doctors or affordable prescription drugs. I am bound and determined to fix this problem.

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