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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** HEALTH CARE PURCHASING WORKSHOP FOR SENIOR STATE OFFICIALS  
**DATE:** 10/26/2000  
**CC:** SIMMONS  
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The Division of Medicaid invited Boyd to serve on the state's team to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's December 11-13 "Realizing the Promise of Value Based Purchasing" workshop in San Antonio, TX. The workshop is built around the idea that the pursuit of health care purchasing strategies in order to minimize cost increases while improving quality (value-based purchasing) may not be living up to expectations. The workshop will discuss how the marketplace may influence the success of value-based purchasing strategies, present case studies of successful programs, and provide an opportunity for state officials to fine tune their own purchasing strategy.

Mississippi can receive a waiver to cover the hotel and conference registration expenses, but each team member is responsible for their own airfare. Boyd has a conflict and so do I. In light of our budget situation, Donna did not think our office wanted to send anyone else, so we declined Medicaid's invitation

Medicaid has found out from the conference organizers that the state team must consist of four people in order for us to receive the waiver to cover hotel and conference registration. Rica Payton-Lewis, Gary Anderson, and Bettye Fletcher are planning to attend and Medicaid has asked for our direction as to the fourth team member. Each team member must represent a different department or branch of state government. The Department of Health or the Department of Mental Health would both be appropriate agencies to have a member on the team.

Medicaid must submit the team list on Tuesday, October 31. Please advise as to your preference for:

- sending someone from our office even though we would have to pay airfare OR
- sending someone from Health or Mental Health or another agency if you desire (please designate agency and any individual you would suggest.)

Thank you.