

## Governor Musgrove's Health Care Accomplishments, 2000

### Children's Health

Mississippi Health Benefits, children's health insurance program, received federal approval in December 1999. Governor Musgrove has moved forward enrolling more than ### in Medicaid and CHIP. Additionally, Governor Musgrove announced a "innovative" imitative to pay schools \$20 for every child enrolled in Mississippi Health Benefits this year.

### Immunizations

### Trauma Care Network

During the 2000 Legislative Session, Governor Musgrove fought to continue funding for second year of the state trauma care network. This is one of the Governor's priorities from his service as Lt. Governor. The Governor also gained support for reimbursing Level I Trauma Care Facilities out of state for serving Mississippi residents.

### Prescription Medications

Affordable prescription medications for our seniors was another priority included in the Governor's state of the state address. This is an issue that the Governor's Office and the administration is tackling and will present recommendations during Governor's Senior Summit.

### Improving Access to Affordable Care

Governor Musgrove also identified access to health care providers in our rural areas as a top priority in his state of the state address. The Governor obtained support for a rural medical scholarship program that will provide for 25 physicians to serve in Mississippi's critical needs areas. Additionally, the Governor signed legislation authorizing the licensing of nurse practitioners. (Mississippi had not previously recognized nurse practitioners.)

### Medicaid Expansion

Governor Musgrove approved appropriations for the Mississippi Division of Medicaid of \$48.2 million from the State's Health Care Trust Fund. These funds are being used to expand the Home and Community Based Waiver services (alternatives to long term nursing home care) and expansion of other Medicaid services.