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State Planning Grant Program Office
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Dear Dr. Fox:

The State of Mississippi's application for the State Planning Grant Program Fiscal Year 2001 is enclosed for your review. I have convened a planning group composed of our state's health agencies to assist with the development of this application and the implementation of the program. I have designated the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor as the lead agency for this grant.

The planning council has drafted a comprehensive application to address affordable access to quality health care coverage for Mississippians. I strongly support the initiation of this important grant that will improve the health status of many Mississippi families. I hope you will look favorably on the State of Mississippi's application.

Very truly yours,

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