

*Remarks for the
National Health Center Week Press Conference
August 8, 2003*

- It is great to be here with you today to
celebrate National Health Center Week

- I am honored and it is indeed a pleasure to
be surrounded by so many people that care
about the health of Mississippians
regardless of income, race, or age

- I believe the measure of our society is found in the way we treat our people - our children, their parents, and the elderly

- Community health centers provide quality medical services to the uninsured and to those in underserved areas
 - Never turn anyone away

 - In 2001 alone, Mississippi Health Care Centers provided health services to 268,326 Mississippians

■ Some one once said, “He who has health,
has hope; and he who has hope, has
everything.”

■ Hope is what the Mississippi Community

Health Centers are providing:

- Every time a sick child sees a doctor
and gets well
- Every time a cavity is filled
- Every time someone gets help for
substance abuse

- Healthy children are ready, willing, and happy to go to school in the mornings and are better equipped to learn

- Healthy parents are geared-up and enthusiastic about going to work to provide for their families

- Healthy families, happier communities, a better Mississippi

