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Governor Appoints Executive Director of Medicaid for State of Mississippi

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today appointed Rica Lewis-Payton to serve as the Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid.

Lewis-Payton received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from Talladega College and a Masters of Science Degree in Hospital and Health Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

She is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, on the Board of Directors of Leadership Jackson, on the Board of Directors of Jackson 2000, and on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Children's Museum.

She is currently in management at Department of Veteran's Affairs at the G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center.

Lewis-Payton is married to Eddie Payton and they are the parents of two children.

Ms. Lewis-Payton will bring a broad range of management skills and work experience with a diverse population in the medical field to the Division of Medicaid," said Governor Musgrove. "We look forward to the direction and vision she has for Medicaid."

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