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Governor Musgrove Encouraged with Progress On Medicaid Shortfall Resolution

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today responded to the passage of legislation in the House of Representatives designed to address the Medicaid shortfall.

“My number one goal in this process has been to fund the shortfall this year without cutting services and access for our children, our seniors and our disabled,” Musgrove said. “I still have concerns regarding our people’s access to health care.”

Governor Musgrove presented a plan to resolve the shortfall without cutting services or using tobacco trust fund money. House Bill 1200 covers \$108 million of the Medicaid shortfall by using monies from the tobacco trust fund, and cuts services to recipients and providers along with increasing co-payments.

“I’m pleased the House has followed my lead in reaching a solution to this shortfall. They asked me for a plan, and I presented one. They asked for specifics, and I presented specifics,” Musgrove said.