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(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today that representatives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be in Jackson next week, meeting with the Division of Medicaid on issues ranging from prescription drugs to breast and cervical cancer screenings.

“When I unveiled my health care plan last fall, I talked about the support we were receiving for the plan from CMS. Next week, that support will be strengthened with the arrival of health care professionals to meet with Rica Lewis-Payton and her staff,” Musgrove said. “With the flexibility to manage Medicaid, as affirmed last week, we will begin the work of restructuring health care to the advantage of the people who need it.”

Musgrove also announced Mississippi would be one of nine states participating in a National Policy Academy on health care later in the year. Health care providers, legislators, and Lewis-Payton are expected to be a part of the academy, which will focus on reducing the health and economic burden of chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.

“I’m confident in the work we are doing to make health care in Mississippi the best it can be. I will not stop until we reach that goal, and I know I’m not alone in that effort,” said Musgrove.

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