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Governor Musgrove Offers Proposal for Medicaid

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today unveiled a proposal to address the lack of funding for Medicaid in the next fiscal year, and called on the legislative leadership to work with him to reach an agreement.

“Mississippi’s seniors, children and disabled depend on the health care services offered through Medicaid, and today I am continuing the fight, with all the power of my office, to make sure those services are not interrupted,” Musgrove said. “As currently funded, health care services are threatened. We have the ability, and an obligation, to remove that threat.”

Musgrove outlined a four-point plan to improve the Medicaid program. The four points include flexibility for Executive Director Rica Lewis-Payton to restructure the program; the creation of a joint legislative committee to work with Lewis-Payton to address rising health care costs; cooperation between state health care agencies and Medicaid to strengthen the delivery of health care; and a “no-growth” guarantee on Medicaid appropriations for the next two fiscal years, if funded at \$425 million.

“There’s a way out of this, but it’s going to take planning, cooperation and a shared commitment to reaching a solution. I appreciate the input of House and Senate members on this proposal, particularly Representative Steve Holland” said Musgrove. “With the components of the plan I’m offering, the people of Mississippi who depend on Medicaid can know the program will be there for them.”

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