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Governor Musgrove Discusses Prescription Drug Costs During NGA Press Conference

(Boise, ID) – In a press conference held this morning at the 94th Annual Meeting of the National Governors Association, Governor Ronnie Musgrove shared his concerns over a lawsuit filed by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. The lawsuit focuses on preventing states from controlling their Medicaid costs by using preferred drug lists.

“Prescription drugs are the single most expensive aspect of our Medicaid program. We have a responsibility to maximize each and every dollar spent in Medicaid,” Musgrove said. “We have to meet the health care needs of our people, and we have to do it in a fiscally responsible manner.”

Musgrove and Medicaid Executive Director Rica Lewis Payton have put systems and procedures, including a Drug Utilization Review process, in place to deal with rising costs of prescription drugs. Other cost-cutting measures are also being studied, including a preferred drug list.

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