

October 23, 2003

Mr. W.G. "Mickey" Holliman, Chair  
North Mississippi Medical Center Board  
201 South Spring Street, Suite 520  
Tupelo, Mississippi 38804

VIA FACSIMILE: (662) 844-1292

Dear Mr. Holliman:

This letter is to confirm the appointment of Mr. David Martin, Esq., of Watkins Ludlam Law Firm of Jackson, Mississippi, as the mediator in the contract dispute among North Mississippi Medical Center and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi.

As Governor, I am confident that with Mr. Martin's assistance that not only will both parties obtain a fair agreement, but also that the people of North Mississippi will continue to obtain the finest healthcare available at the most affordable rates. If I may be of any further assistance, please contact me at (601) 359-4066.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE