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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** RENICK  
**FROM:** SMITH  
**SUBJECT:** HIPPA COMPLIANCE  
**DATE:** 9/18/02  
**CC:** LEE ANN, BOYD

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During the Legislative Medicaid Working Group meeting this week, the consultants hired by the Hospital Association discussed HIPPA compliance. They stressed the need to hire a consultant to address state compliance by the deadline next October.

I spoke with Rica after the meeting and she told me that Medicaid would be ready by the October 2003 deadline. However, Mary Patterson spoke with me and said that the Hospital Association would be willing to pay for a consultant. Boyd, Lee Ann and I discussed if there might be a way to hire a consultant to help with the other agencies, i.e. DHS. Boyd said we could ask the Hospital Association if they would be willing to hire a consultant to do **comprehensive HIPPA compliance** across all state agencies that are required to be HIPPA compliant.

Would you like me to set up a meeting with the Hospital Association so you can discuss this with Sam Cameron?

YES\_\_\_\_\_

NO\_\_\_\_\_