

February 11, 2003

Dear Commission member:

The next meeting of the Governor's Healthcare Commission will be held March xx, 2003 at the Woolfolk Building in Room number xxxx from xx-xx. In an effort to prepare for the meeting, we felt it important to allow all Commission members an opportunity to complete the enclosed survey. Members who attended the meeting December 13, 2003 completed the survey and should not complete an additional survey.

Prior to completing the survey, please review the Program Overview enclosed with this notice. As you may recall, federal law mandates certain services, while other services are optional. One of the most costly optional eligibility categories is the PLAD or Poverty Level Aged and Disabled category. The Division of Medicaid is currently exploring other alternatives to meet the needs of this category of eligibility. Therefore, when completing the survey, please rank services in order of importance for the PLAD category of eligibility.

Please complete and return the enclosed survey by March 1, 2003. Responses will be analyzed and results discussed at the meeting in March. We value your input during these fiscally trying times and feel that provider input is crucial in this process. If you have questions, please contact Wanda Smith at (601) 359-9228 or e-mail wsmith@governor.state.ms.us.

Very truly yours,

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