
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: SMITH
SUBJECT: MEDICAID TASKFORCE PROPOSAL
DATE: 5/29/03
CC: RENICK, KINNEY, PROSPERE, LEE ANN, BOYD, TELL

Fred has been in close contact the last two days about a revised proposal that is being pushed by Governor Patton (Kentucky) and Governor Vilsack (Iowa) since late Tuesday in the Medicaid Task Force Meeting. I have spoken with Rica about the proposal and we have shared any changes with her as they become available. This office has received numerous calls from in-state and out-of-state contacts urging you to oppose this latest proposal. Rica has stated that the proposal actually has some positive components but she has questions and needs to run data based on those answers to determine the impact to Mississippi.

Fred said the timeline looks like this proposal will probably be voted on Monday, go to the Executive Medicaid Task Force on Tuesday, and go to the entire body the next day. The entire body would have a week to vote on it and then it would go to Secretary Thompson. Since this seems to be moving so fast, I wanted to give you a heads up and I'm sure that Fred will get additional information to you.

I have attached the most current draft of the proposal for your review. There is a conference call set up Friday at 2:30 during which Medicaid Directors will be given an opportunity to ask questions. Rica is in Chicago but will call in. Her cell number is (601) 842-5706 if you have any questions for her.

I am also attaching copies of letters addressed to you urging you to oppose this proposal. The in-state folks are in full support of your administration and are voicing fear of the intentions of Haley Barbour if elected as Governor.

I will be out of town until Tuesday but my cell phone is (601) 942-7690 if you should have questions.

