

## **MEDICAID PRESS CONFERENCE**

- **AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED IN HB1794, MEDICAID FUNDING WILL RESULT IN A SEVERE SHORTFALL**
- **ESTIMATED \$120M SHORTFALL GROWS TO \$480M WITH 3:1 FEDERAL MATCH**
- **THIS MEANS \$480M IN HEALTH CARE SERVICES LOST IN MISSISSIPPI**
- **CHAIRMAN BOBBY MOODY ESTIMATED SHORTFALL OF \$82M, WHICH EQUALS \$328M WITH FEDERAL MATCH**
- **IN EITHER SCENARIO, CUTS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO OPTIONAL SERVICES**
- **CUTTING EVERY SERVICE EXCEPT NURSING HOMES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ONLY AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY \$49M**
- **BULK OF CUTS WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM NURSING HOMES AND DRUGS**
- **THIS IS NOT A SCARE TACTIC, BUT I'M AFRAID OF WHAT THESE CUTS WOULD DO TO OUR ELDERLY, DISABLED AND CHILDREN**

- **THESE CUTS CAN BE AVOIDED**
- **TODAY, DISCUSSED LETTER FROM GOV. MUSGROVE TO SPEAKER FORD AND LT. GOV. TUCK**
- **LETTER WAS PART OF AN EFFORT TO FIND COMMON GROUND WITH LEGISLATURE**
- **ASKED SPEAKER AND LT. GOV. FOR ASSURANCE THAT FUNDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO AVOID CUTS**
- **IF ASSURANCE GIVEN, GOV. MUSGROVE WON'T VETO MEDICAID BILLS**
- **ALSO STILL HOPE FOR FLEXIBILITY TO RESTRUCTURE MEDICAID, MAKE IT WORK BETTER**
- **WE ALL WANT TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR PEOPLE RECEIVING MEDICAID / FIND COMMON GROUND**
- **HOPEFUL LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP WILL CHOOSE TO WORK WITH US TO MAKE MEDICAID WORK**