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## **Independent Review of Mississippi Medicaid Cites Need To Invest In Program Administration and Operations**

Jackson, Miss. In the first of two reports analyzing Mississippi Medicaid, consultants from EP&P Consulting, Inc. cited Medicaid's, "Program expenditures have increased but administrative costs have remained a very small portion of the overall costs." Once again a review of the Division of Medicaid indicates the program is efficiently operated.

Though this report's recommendation by themselves do not resolve the current \$75 million dollar 2002 fiscal year funding shortfall, and growing costs related to the program it does conclude, "It is time to make investments in program administration and operations."