

CHIP Press Conference
"0" Waiting period
Monday, October 9, 2000
2:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Rotunda

Governor Musgrove's Talking points

C We are pleased to be here today to announce that the State of Mississippi has been given approval from the Health Care Financing Administration to put into place a zero waiting period for Mississippi Health Benefits, also known as the Children's Health Insurance Program.

C This is great news for Mississippi children and families.

C Because the six-month waiting period has been abolished, many more Mississippi families can get the health insurance they need for their children.

C Eligible families can sign up and begin receiving benefits immediately and no longer have to worry about their children not having health insurance coverage.

C We urge every eligible Mississippi family to enroll their child immediately in this program so that no child is at risk.

c We are encouraged that the new zero waiting period will help us enroll even more Mississippi children in Mississippi Health Benefits.