

## **“Mississippi Health Benefits No Longer Requires Waiting Period”**

### STATEMENT FOR DR. FLETCHER

This is a very exciting day for all of us at the Department of Human Services, because it means we can focus even more on an issue that has become one of our main priorities.

The Mississippi Health Benefits or “CHIP” program, which has already helped thousands of families and children in our state, has now become even easier to sign up for with the “Zero Waiting Period.”

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Health Care Financing Administration, and the Regional offices of the Department of Health and Human Services for their assistance in removing another barrier and helping Mississippi move forward in the effort to enroll even more children in this very important program.

Since we took on this effort, we have quadrupled the number of children enrolled, but we cannot stop there. It is our goal, as defined by the Governor, not to be satisfied until we make sure that all families who qualify take advantage of this program. It is just too important not to.

Once again, if you need information, call 1-877-543-7669 and give your child an equal chance at a better tomorrow.