## November 30, 2000

Mrs. Rica Lewis-Payton, Executive Director Division of Medicaid Office of the Governor 801 Robert E. Lee Bldg. Jackson, MS 39205

HAND DELIVERED

Dear Rica:

Improving children's health and access to quality health care is a top priority of this administration. Your willingness and desire to oversee the Children's Health Insurance Program at the agency director level is consistent with priorities of this administration. Therefore, you shall serve as the chair of the Mississippi Health Benefits Interagency Coordinating Council. In this position, you shall be responsible for coordinating efforts to maximize health benefits coverage for Mississippi children.

I wish you continued success.

Very truly yours,

**RONNIE MUSGROVE**