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Dear «Title» «LastName»:

I am pleased to announce that the State of Mississippi has been awarded the opportunity to participate in the Oral Health Policy Academy through the National Governors' Association Center for Best Practices. Mississippi is one of seven states selected to work with this Policy Academy on Improving Oral Health Access and Outcomes for Children.

The academy will address the dental challenges faced by children and recommend policies for the state to pursue. The privilege of serving with other states symbolizes our commitment to ensure access to quality oral health care for all children in Mississippi.

In addition, Mississippi will host the upcoming Policy Academy for State Officials Improving Oral Health Access and Outcomes for Children for all seven states. The Academy will convene in Jackson, October 29-31, 2001. Mrs. Rica Lewis-Payton, Executive Director for the Division of Medicaid, has been chosen to chair the Mississippi policy team. Mrs. Lewis-Payton will be communicating with you soon with more specific information regarding a state site visit, scheduled for September 10, 2001.

You are a vital part of the oral health community in Mississippi and I thank you for your commitment to participate as a member. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lewis-Payton at (601) 359-6056.

Very truly yours,

  
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