

Medicaid Executive Director Rica Lewis-Payton today met with Speaker Tim Ford and Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck. In a letter delivered today, Governor Ronnie Musgrove asked for assurances that Medicaid would be adequately funded in return for not vetoing two Medicaid bills.

“Under any scenario, drastic and severe cuts will have to be made to optional services in Medicaid if the current legislation becomes law,” Lewis-Payton said. “Those cuts would have to include nursing homes and prescription drugs.”

Lewis-Payton said Governor Musgrove has led the effort to find common ground with the Legislature on the Medicaid issue.

“We all want to do what’s best for those Mississippians on Medicaid,” she said. “We’re hopeful the legislative leadership will work with us to make this happen.”

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