MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

To: Appropriations

By: Representatives Holland, Peranich, Barnett (92nd), Bowles, Frierson, Gibbs, McBride, Mitchell, Moody, Scott (17th), Shows, Stevens

HOUSE BILL NO. 1545
(As Sent to Governor)


BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law and defraying the expenses of the administration of such law, as provided in Section 43-13-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004: $ 246,855,284.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Medical Care Fund created by Section 43-13-143, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004: $ 227,885,720.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004: $ 16,378,000.00.

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Medicaid Law and defraying the expenses of the administration of such law, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004................................. $ 2,059,692,776.00.

Prior period recovery of funds may be maintained and expended by the division when the recovery is received or finalized.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004...................... $ 57,752,630.00.

The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

- CHIP Program at 200% level of poverty...$ 7,000,000.00
- Eyeglasses for adults...................$ 1,700,000.00
- Home and Community Waiver Program......$ 4,795,000.00
- Expand coverage for Poverty Level Aged and Disabled group.........................$ 9,500,000.00
- Disabled worker buy-in to the Medicaid program........................................$ 1,835,000.00
- Dental fee increase......................$ 2,200,000.00
- Miscellaneous..........................$ 300,000.00
- Medical Services Program Matching Funds.$ 30,422,630.00

It is the intention of the Legislature that funds may be shifted among the above allocated line items where needed in the discretion of the Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of expenditure:

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services:
- Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. $ 24,594,398.00
- Travel and Subsistence................. 630,508.00
Contractual Services.......................... 80,252,347.00
Commodities................................. 700,500.00
Capital Outlay:
   Other Than Equipment..................... 0.00
   Equipment.................................. 900,000.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants............... 2,485,108,657.00
Total........................................ $ 2,592,186,410.00

FUNDING:
General Funds............................... $ 246,855,284.00
Special Funds............................... 2,345,331,126.00
Total........................................ $ 2,592,186,410.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
Permanent: Full Time..................... 615
Part Time................................. 0
Time-Limited: Full Time................... 10
Part Time................................. 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
Services" for Fiscal Year 2005 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2004
funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2005 budget by the
Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriation for "Personal
Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,
the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken
action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected
annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2004 "Personal Services"
appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid may authorize increases in any major objects of expenditures in total amounts not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the appropriated amount of each major object of expenditure, provided that other major objects of expenditure are decreased by a corresponding dollar amount.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, Six Hundred Ninety-two Thousand One Hundred Forty-seven Dollars ($692,147.00) may be used to reallocate or reclassify existing positions of this agency.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2003.