

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:**

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1545: Appropriation; Governors Office - Division of Medicaid.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
  
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
9 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Governor's Office  
10 - Division of Medicaid for the purpose of providing medical  
11 assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law and defraying the  
12 expenses of the administration of such law, as provided in Section  
13 43-13-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year  
14 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....  
15 ..... \$    246,855,284.00.

16           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
17 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
18 Treasury to the credit of the Medical Care Fund created by Section  
19 43-13-143, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of providing  
20 medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law for the  
21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.....  
22 ..... \$    227,885,720.00.

23           **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
24 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special  
25 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Governor's Office  
26 - Division of Medicaid which is comprised of special source funds  
27 collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the  
28 purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi

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

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

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

40 The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

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

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

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

58 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

59 Personal Services:

60	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$ 24,594,398.00
61	Travel and Subsistence.....	630,508.00
62	Contractual Services.....	80,252,347.00
63	Commodities.....	700,500.00

64 Capital Outlay:

65 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00  
 66 Equipment..... 900,000.00  
 67 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 2,485,108,657.00  
 68 Total..... \$ 2,592,186,410.00

69 FUNDING:

70 General Funds..... \$ 246,855,284.00  
 71 Special Funds..... 2,345,331,126.00  
 72 Total..... \$ 2,592,186,410.00

73 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

74 Permanent: Full Time 615  
 75 Part Time 0  
 76 Time-Limited: Full Time 10  
 77 Part Time 0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

Jack Gordon

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