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## Mississippi Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney Makes Statement Regarding Mississippi Health Insurance Exchange

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"I want to make it clear that my position regarding the Health Insurance Exchange has not changed.

We are not going to make any final decisions regarding the Exchange until after the Presidential and Congressional elections on November 6<sup>th</sup>. We will, however, continue to do those things toward the establishment of an Exchange that we must do to keep us in a position to make the best decision in November for all Mississippians. That is the only way to keep all of our available options open.

If we halt everything now, we will have prematurely surrendered Mississippi's health insurance market to federal control. I took an oath of office to protect the interests of the people of Mississippi and that is what I intend to do.

I have and will continue to support a free-market solution to providing health insurance products to individual consumers and business owners in the State of Mississippi."

---Commissioner of Insurance Mike Chaney