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## Commissioner Mike Chaney issues statement on Congress's failure to address healthcare reform

"I am very disappointed in Congress's failure to take action today on the healthcare reform bill, resulting in the bill being pulled.

There were many innovations in the bill that were designed to help reduce health care costs including access to expanded health savings accounts now those opportunities are gone.

As a consequence, Mississippi consumers will be denied the option of having new, cheaper healthcare plans and more choices of health care providers to choose from. There will be only one federal exchange provider in the state in 2018, and a likely growth in Medicaid resulting in more state dollars being spent.

I will continue my mission in seeking the best healthcare coverage for all Mississippians."