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**COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE MIKE
CHANEY ISSUES STATEMENT
ON GOVERNOR PHIL BRYANT'S EXECUTIVE
ORDER**

“We have been in communication with the governor on this very important issue and knew this action was coming. However, we have not had time to study the nuts and bolts of the order and are in the process of doing that now.

The issue of whether or not the governor has the authority to order Blue Cross to contract with the HMA hospitals will be answered in the matter pending in federal court.

In the meantime we will continue to do what we have been doing which is to make sure the interests of all parties, especially patients, are protected.”