

Original Executive Order
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 4

WHEREAS, I, Governor Jim Folsom, have determined that basic health care and health care services are a primary concern and interest of the citizens of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the State Health Plan is a comprehensive plan which provides for the development of health programs and resources to assure that quality health services will be available and accessible in a manner which assures continuity of care, at reasonable costs, for all citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Statewide Health Coordinating Council has adopted the 1992-1995 Alabama Triennial State Health Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee on Administrative Regulation Review did not approve of the provisions found in the 1992-1995 State Health Plan, and therefore suspended the plan; and

WHEREAS, by Senate Joint Resolution No. 127 both Houses of the Legislature overwhelmingly requested the 1992-1995 State Health Plan be further studied before its adoption;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jim Folsom, as Governor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, based upon these considerations and for other good and valid reasons which relate thereto, do hereby declare and impose a moratorium, except for a Public Health Emergency, on the implementation of the State Health Plan by the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, or any other State agency, effective this date.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that this moratorium shall extend for a period of 90 days from the date of the signing hereof or for such greater or lesser period as may be established by the Governor of the State of Alabama in further executive orders on this subject;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the functions of the State Health Planning and Development Agency with respect to operating a State Health Statistics Agency are hereby transferred to the Board of Health as provided in Code of Alabama (1975) Section 22-9A-2, and that Executive Order Number 36, dated December 15, 1980, by former Governor Fob James is hereby rescinded;


AND FURTHER BY THIS ORDER, I am directing that a special Task Force be assembled to prepare for me a comprehensive report to determine the State Health Plan's affect on improving our citizens' access to health care, as well as reducing the cost burden.

I AM FURTHER REQUESTING that the Task Force be composed of the Chairmen of the respective Committees on Health in both Houses of the Legislature, the Chairmen of the Finance and Taxation Committee of the Senate and Ways and Means of the House of Representatives along with the Commissioner of the State Medicaid Agency, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the State Health Officer, the Chairman of the State Committee of Public Health and my Finance Director, who shall serve as Chairman and coordinator of the Task Force.

DONE and ORDERED, this 25th day of May, 1993.



Jim Folsom
Governor



Jim Bennett
Secretary of State

