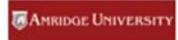




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# Gov. Bentley to meet with Medicaid commissioner Friday

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BIRMINGHAM, AL (WBRC) - Friday may be a big day to determine what services will be available for those who depend on Medicaid for healthcare.

Governor Robert Bentley plans to meet with his Medicaid Commissioner Stephanie Azar. The governor said they will decide on what cuts will be necessary this year because of an \$85 million shortfall in the Medicaid budget.

"I'm going to meet with the Medicaid Commissioner and we will make the final decision on what the cuts will be. We believe we will be able to make this year. It's next year we really worry about," Bentley said.

The governor said he is open to any funding solution for Medicaid, including a lottery. Bentley said he is still considering a special session on the problem.

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