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### **Rendell, Legislators To Map Plan On \$850 Million In Cuts Needed To State Budget**

Gov. Rendell, Senate and House legislative leaders will meet Monday to discuss options for dealing with what is now almost certain to be a \$850 million hole in the state budget as a result of Congressional inaction on additional Medicaid funding for states.

After he consults with legislative leaders, Gov. Rendell said he would announce his plan the week of August 9 detailing the specifics on what line items he would cut and the number of state worker he would furlough to make up for the lost funds.

While he remained optimistic about Congress appropriating the funds, the Governor this week expressed his first real doubts they would act in time. The Governor had imposed a deadline of the end of July to begin a serious look at options for dealing with the issue if Congress failed to act.