



MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF
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Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Speaker of the House Philip Gunn
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Senator Buck Clarke
Senate Appropriations Chairman
214-D New Capitol Building
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Representative John Read
House Appropriations Chairman
201M-2 New Capitol Building
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Dear Sirs:

The Division of Medicaid (DOM) wishes to update the Legislative leadership on the projected shortfall we are facing in fiscal year (FY) 18. DOM previously requested deficit funding during the 2018 Legislative Session. The amount of FY-18 State Appropriated Funds allocated to DOM with the passage of HB 1510 of the 2017 Regular Session totaled \$918.8 million. To pay for services mandated in State law, DOM estimates a need for additional funding of the Mississippi Medicaid program of \$16.5 million. This decrease in our projected funding need is due largely to steadily declining beneficiary enrollment.

We have submitted the revised shortfall information to the PEER Committee so that they may update their report issued in compliance with the MS legislative requirement in Section 43-13-117 (F). We are hopeful that the Legislature will pass a deficit appropriation bill to provide the additional funding needed to make all planned payments for this fiscal year.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Drew Snyder".

Drew L. Snyder
Interim Executive Director

Cc: Tony Greer, Director, Legislative Budget Office
James Barber, Director, PEER Committee