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Drew Snyder, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Snyder:

In accordance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 438.6(c), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed and is approving Mississippi's submission of a proposal for delivery system and provider payment initiatives under Medicaid managed care plan contracts. The proposal was received by CMS on July 19, 2019.

Specifically, the following proposal for delivery system and provider payment initiatives is approved:

- Uniform Increase established by the state for Critical Access Hospitals and Non-Critical Access Hospitals as defined in the preprint for the rating period covering July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

This approval letter does not constitute approval of any Medicaid managed care plan contracts or rate certifications for the aforementioned rating period, or any specific Medicaid financing mechanism used to support the provider payment arrangement. All other federal laws and regulations apply. This approval letter only satisfies the regulatory requirement pursuant to 42 CFR 438.6(c)(2) for written approval prior to implementation of any payment arrangement described in 42 CFR 438.6(c)(1). Approval of the corresponding Medicaid managed care plan contracts and rate certifications is still required.

Note that this payment arrangement must be addressed in the applicable rate certifications. CMS is happy to provide technical assistance to states and their actuaries.

CMS requests that Mississippi submit the quality performance targets as soon as they become available for review.

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If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact Laura Snyder, Division of Managed Care Plans, at (410) 786-3198 or Sheila Brady, Regional Operations Group, at (601) 212-4659.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "B".

Bill Brooks, Director

Division of Managed Care Plan Operations

cc: Laura Snyder, DMCP