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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group**

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September 23, 2020

Drew Snyder, Executive Director  
Division of Medicaid, Mississippi Department of Human Services  
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Walters Sillers Building  
Jackson, MS 39201-1325

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. This proposal was received by CMS on June 4, 2020.

Specifically, the following proposal for delivery system and provider payment initiatives (i.e., state directed payment) is approved:

- Uniform Percentage Increase established by the state for Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Services as defined in the preprint for the rating period covering July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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 are still required.

Please note, this payment arrangement must be addressed in the applicable rate certifications. The state is always required to submit a contract action(s) to incorporate the contractual obligation for the state directed payment and related capitation rates that include this payment arrangement. CMS is happy to provide technical assistance to the state and its actuary.

CMS requests that Mississippi submit Year 1 evaluation findings in the state directed payment proposal for the SFY 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) rating period.

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If you have questions concerning this approval or state directed payments in general, please contact Lovie Davis, Division of Managed Care Policy, at (410) 786-1533 or at [lovie.davis@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:lovie.davis@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Brooks, Director  
Division of Managed Care Plan Operations

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