



State of Mississippi

TATE REEVES
Governor

April 30, 2026

Dr. Mehmet Oz
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RE: Mississippi Division of Medicaid Revalidation of High-Risk Providers

Dear Dr. Oz:

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid appreciates your leadership and the commitment of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) team regarding the protection of taxpayer funds from fraud, waste, abuse, and corruption. I too share this critical commitment and look forward to working with our partners at CMS to ensure our Medicaid members receive high quality care from qualified and ethical providers.

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid currently maintains the following approach for high-risk providers:

- Risk levels are assigned at or above the established risk levels of CMS.
- All atypical providers (those providers without an NPI) are designated as high-risk, consistent with established policy.
- Providers are elevated to high-risk status based on Program Integrity audits or findings, as applicable.

Provider revalidation was temporarily paused during the COVID Public Health Emergency in accordance with federal guidance, and Mississippi resumed provider revalidations in September 2023 after CMS issued new guidance allowing for revalidation. In the past twelve months, three hundred and ninety-seven (397) high-risk providers have already been successfully revalidated, representing forty-three percent (43%) of the total high-risk provider population in the Mississippi Medicaid Program, reflecting the state's continued commitment to oversight and compliance.

In response to this request, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid will identify any high-risk providers who have not been revalidated within the past year and will initiate the revalidation process using a staggered approach to ensure timely and efficient application processing. The Mississippi Division of Medicaid will work with its system vendor to initiate the revalidation

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process for the remaining high-risk providers, in accordance with federal regulations and guidance, no later than June 2026.

Additionally, I have directed the Mississippi Division of Medicaid to provide CMS with more details concerning its current provider enrollment practices, comprehensive provider revalidation plan, current practices to ensure consistency and accuracy of provider data across fee-for service and managed care delivery systems, its approach for ensuring that data is kept up to date and accurate, as well as proposed improvements within thirty days of your April 23rd letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tate Reeves". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tate" and last name "Reeves" clearly distinguishable.

Tate Reeves
Governor