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Re: Eligibility Transition Follow-Up

Dear Mr. Davis and Dr. Dzielak:

I anticipate the Department of Human Services (DHS) assuming full responsibility and authority over Medicaid enrollment and eligibility by amending the code.

By October 20, the Division of Medicaid (DOM) shall provide DHS with all eligibility documents, contracts, budget, payment schedules, and planning documents, including APD, IAPD, PAPD, all other related documents and correspondence with CMS, including but not limited to, current, pending or proposed enrollment and eligibility system changes, plans to enhance public integrity and fraud prevention, and any policy, rules and waiver requests. DOM should provide DHS access to DOM staff when requested. All documents shall be provided in electronic format. Any agreements needed to facilitate the sharing of this information should be signed prior to October 10.

By October 27, DHS and DOM shall present written plans to me outlining the steps to transfer to DHS all staff, funding, contracts, contract authority, and responsibility related to Medicaid enrollment and eligibility, as well as all waiver authority related to Medicaid enrollment and eligibility, including any work requirements related to eligibility. Plans may be presented by each agency separately or as a joint plan.

Furthermore, by October 27, DHS and DOM shall report back to me any additional information, materials or actions needed to further the transfer, as well as any potential difficulties which could arise.

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In addition to the above actions and as mentioned in my earlier letter, DOM shall prepare draft legislation that would amend Miss. Code Section 43-13-115 by placing eligibility determinations with DHS. This legislation shall codify the responsibility of DHS to ensure the integrity of eligibility for all Medicaid services. This legislation should be provided to me by October 15.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Phil Bryant
Governor