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Dear Ms. Lewis-Taylor:

The State of Mississippi is applying for the Payment Accuracy Measurement System Grant and I have designated the Office of the Governor, Division of Medicaid as the lead agency to oversee the planning and development of the initiative. The Division has authority to utilize the resources as described in the grant application and to work collaboratively with CMS and other states awarded these demonstration grants. This grant application will identify and address the concern of inaccurate Medicaid payments to ensure the highest and best use of the limited funding for the Division of Medicaid.

We are committed to improving healthcare in the State of Mississippi and we pledge to work collectively and collaboratively with all levels of government. We believe we can set unprecedented goals for the care of our citizens and we can make unparalleled progress for present and future generations of Mississippians. That is good for our state and for our nation.

Very truly yours,

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