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Transformation Grant Awarded to Mississippi Medicaid

“As One – Together for Health” to improve vital electronic health information exchange

JACKSON, MS.- (January 25, 2007) – The Division of Medicaid announced today it has been awarded a grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the specific purpose of building a new web-based system that enables hospitals, nursing homes, medical needs shelters, public health entities and others to share real-time Medicaid beneficiary status.

Mississippi is one of twenty-seven states receiving federal support to implement innovative systems designed to get more value out of the money they spend providing health care to their low-income elderly, children and disabled beneficiaries. The funds will support more widespread use of electronic health care records that can be accessed by whole treatment teams, a move favored within the medical community to improve quality of care and reduce the potential for medical errors.

The 27 programs approved nationally for funding under these transformation grant awards will create new ways to reduce patient error rates, improve rates of collection from estates, reduce waste, fraud and abuse; increase the utilization of generic drugs, and improve access and implementation of a medication risk management program.

According to Medicaid Executive Director Dr. Robert L. Robinson, “Lessons learned during Katrina forced us to direct our energies to building a new health information highway that is accessible by all Medicaid providers. Our ‘As One – Together for Health’ grant will help our program to accentuate patient flow and accelerate patient transfers while simultaneously providing patient record knowledge exchanges.” The roll out of this multi-faceted system will be designed to provide an immediate solution to Mississippi’s disaster response needs.

The core of the system to be adopted by Mississippi is the Advances Incident Management System (“AIMS”), a system currently employed by the state of Alabama. Mississippi will receive \$1.7 million for the grant.

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