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*Statement from Mississippi Medicaid RE: Indictment of Ray Shoemaker*

JACKSON, MS- (March 18, 2011) – This past Wednesday, the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi announced the federal indictment of Raymond Lamont Shoemaker of Tupelo on various charges, some related to health care fraud. Mr. Shoemaker was the former Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer at Tri-Lakes Hospital.

“I applaud the U.S. Attorney’s Office for aggressively pursuing health care fraud,” said Medicaid Executive Director Dr. Robert L. Robinson. “My agency was the first to audit Tri-Lakes a few years ago after we identified areas of concern. We tried to get Attorney General Hood interested in this case, but he never prosecuted it. I am pleased to know that someone in this State is willing to pursue criminal charges and jail time for those individuals and companies who would try to defraud our health care system. Losing our scarce resources to fraud and abuse drives up health care costs for everyone even if you are not on Medicaid. We look forward to assisting the U.S. Attorney’s office in any way that we can on any future health care fraud investigations.”

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