

MEMO

To: Michael Boyd
From: Kelly Riley
Date: February 29, 2000
Subject: DFA's Role in CHIP

Per your request, I researched DFA's role in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). MISS. CODE ANN. Section 41-86-9 (2)(a) (1972) provides that the CHIP Commission develop the State Child Health Plan, which shall designate either the Division of Medicaid or the State and Public School Employees Health Insurance Management Board as the agency of the state which will serve as the administering agency for the program.

In accordance with MISS. CODE ANN. Section 25-15-303 (1972), DFA's Executive Director serves on the State and Public School Employees Health Insurance Management Board. According to Geneva Canon (9-4161) of DFA's Office of Insurance who stated that the State and Public School Employees Health Insurance Management Board is the administering agency for Phase II of the plan, which is the separate insurance program. DFA's Office of Insurance serves as staff and support for the board. The staff works primarily with the insurer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, as well as DHS (determines eligibility) and Division of Medicaid (CHIP administering agency to receive funds, submit proposals to HCFA, pay premiums).

Geneva also suggested Theresa Hannah, Director of the Office of Insurance, as a good future contact.