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Re: Medicaid Accountability through Transparency

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

This letter reports on our progress with respect to Medicaid Accountability through Transparency as required by 305 ILCS 5/5-2.01 and PA 96-941.

We continue to make considerable enrollment data available via our Agency website:

HFS >> Agency Information >> HFS Program Enrollment

<http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/factsfigures/Transparency/Pages/default.aspx>

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In addition we have placed the data available on the Transparency page on www.data.illinois.gov, the master website for State of Illinois data. The www.data.illinois.gov data sets are titled:

Healthcare and Family Services Provider Level Data
Healthcare and Family Services Program Enrollment Data

The data is delivered via data files that users can then manipulate in Excel or other software tools in order to answer their questions regarding our enrollment and payments to providers. Metadata (descriptions of the data) is provided via ReadMe files, a data dictionary, and a link to our data glossary.

The two files allow data users to answer questions such as:

- What is the demographic profile of our enrollment with respect to age, sex, race, and ethnicity?
- How many people that we serve by county and, within Cook County, by zip code?
- How much we paid each provider who cared for HFS medical program enrollees in 2015 and 2016, net of adjustments?
- How many services are provided each provider?
- How many enrollees served by each provider?
- Where our providers are located by county and, for most providers, zip code? (In order to protect patient privacy the provider name and zip code are omitted for providers who serve just one or only a few enrollees.)

The provider data file is for services that providers rendered in calendar year 2016. Since it takes considerable time for all claims to be reported and paid, calendar year 2016 is the most recent year for which mostly complete claims data is available. The data is presented in a HIPAA compliant manner that preserves the privacy of individual enrollees. The most recent enrollment data file is as of December 31, 2017. In order to facilitate improvements, *we have* set up a mechanism for collecting user feedback. All data is extracted from the Department's Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) for reporting.

HFS is committed to becoming an increasingly transparent agency. Although we plan to continue to improve our transparency data and delivery, we believe that as of the end of fiscal year 2017 that we are in substantial compliance with PA 96-941.

We welcome your feedback.

Sincerely,



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