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November 14, 2018

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Dear Dr. Dobbs:

In accordance with the Mississippi Code Ann., Section 41-7-185(g), I hereby approve the FY 2018 Mississippi State Health Plan, Second Edition. The FY 2018 Mississippi State Health Plan, Second Edition, shall replace the current Plan, effective December 8, 2018.

I appreciate your, the members’ of the State Board of Health, and all the employees at the Department’s commitment and desire to improve health care for all Mississippians. The work you do to ensure that every Mississippian has adequate health care is crucial to the quality of life that I am committed to preserving.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Phil Bryant
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State of Mississippi

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