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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Lisa Piercey, MD, MBA, FAAP, Department of Health
Fiscal Review Committee

FROM: Commissioner Carter Lawrence 
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DATE: April 29, 2021

RE: Report of Requests for Independent Review Pursuant to the TennCare Prompt Pay
Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 56-32-126(b)(5)

Please find attached the Annual Report of Requests for TennCare Independent Reviews for calendar year 2020.

Pursuant to the TennCare Prompt Pay Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 56-32-126(b)(5), the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance shall report to the Department of Health and to the Fiscal Review Committee the number of requests for TennCare claims review filed for each health maintenance organization operating a TennCare line of business during the prior calendar year and the general outcome of these independent review requests. The Commissioner shall also report the name of any provider whose claim denial is upheld in more than fifty percent (50%) of submitted claim reviews as well as the number of claim reviews lost by that provider.

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Commissioner Lisa Jordan, TennCare Oversight Division, at (615) 741 -2677.

Enclosure

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**Annual Report to the Department of Health & Fiscal Review Committee
Of Requests for Independent Review of TennCare Claims Denial
For Calendar Year 2020**

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 56-32-126(b)(5):

Number of requests for Independent Review of TennCare claims denial filed for each TennCare Managed Care Company (MCC) during the 2020 calendar year:

Name of MCO	Number of Requests	Out-Come of Each Request*
AMERIGROUP Tennessee, Inc.	52	Ineligible: 12 Decision for MCC: 14 Decision for Provider: 9 Decision for Provider & MCC (Partial): 5 Settled for Provider & MCC: 1 Settled for Provider: 11
UnitedHealthcare Plan of the River Valley (UnitedHealthcare Community Plan)	36	Ineligible: 7 Decision for MCC: 14 Decision for Provider: 1 Decision for Provider & MCC (Partial): 4 Referral for Medical Review: 1 Settled for Provider: 8 Under \$\$: 1

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Volunteer State Health Plan 50
 (BlueCare & TennCareSelect)

Ineligible: 1 Decision for MCC: 22 Decision for Provider: 7 Decision for Provider & MCC (Partial): 8 Settled for Provider: 12

Name of Provider whose claim denial is upheld in more than fifty percent (50%) of the Independent Review Requests, as well as the number of claim reviews lost by that provider:

Covenant Cumberland Medical Center 1

Jackson Madison County General Hospital 1

*Description of Outcome Information:

Ineligible- The Independent Review Request did not meet the statutory guidelines for eligibility. The Providers are notified of their ineligible statuses and are given the opportunity to correct the deficiencies.

Decision for MCC - The Independent Reviewer found that the Provider claim was properly denied by the MCC.

Paid – MCC paid the claim prior to referral to an Independent Reviewer.

Pending – Waiting for Reviewer decision.

Decision for Provider - The Independent Reviewer found that the Provider claim should be paid by the MCC.

Decision for MCC & Provider - The Independent Reviewer found that the claim should be partially paid by the MCC.

Rescinded – Provider withdrew the Independent Review Request.

Settled for Provider - The MCC and Provider agreed to a dispute resolution in the Provider’s favor before the Independent Reviewer rendered a decision.

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Settled for MCC & Provider - The MCC and Provider agreed to a dispute resolution in that favored both Provider and MCC before the Independent Reviewer rendered a decision.

UNDER \$\$ - Provider Withdrew Independent Review Request Because Dispute Amount was Less Than Independent Reviewer Fee; Processed as Provider Complaint.

Signature: 
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