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Commissioner of Insurance Mike Chaney offers the following statement on the contract dispute between Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Mississippi and the University of Mississippi Medical Center:

“My primary concern in this situation is that patients continue to receive access to quality healthcare without suffering financial penalties. As Commissioner of Insurance, I am prohibited by regulation from acting to mediate or settle disputes between a health carrier and a medical provider arising under a provider contract. I urge both BCBS and UMMC to work diligently to find common ground prior to the June 30th termination date. It is my expectation that should the contract actually terminate, BCBS will continue to pay network benefits and UMMC will refrain from balance billing patients until the parties resolve their differences.”

Mike Chaney – Commissioner of Insurance