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## **UnitedHealthcare to Exit Mississippi Federally Facilitated Health Exchange in 2017**

**Jackson, MS** – UnitedHealthcare (UHC) has announced that it will be exiting Mississippi's Individual Federal Marketplace, otherwise known as the Federal Health Insurance Exchange, on January 1, 2017.

UHC will notify their policyholders 180 days before exiting the market to allow these individuals to seek coverage from other carriers. UHC's notices indicate that policyholders should visit [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) to look for other plans offered by other companies on the Federal Marketplace in Mississippi, and to determine if the policyholder or family member qualify for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program. Policyholders may also wish to look at plans offered by other insurance companies outside of the Federal Marketplace.

A total of 18,206 policyholders currently covered by UHC in the Federal Marketplace in Mississippi will need to seek coverage from other companies before January 1, 2017.

"The Mississippi Insurance Department is committed to the people of Mississippi, and we are working with Ambetter from Magnolia Health and Humana to ensure that there continues to be comprehensive and affordable healthcare options available to all consumers in all counties each benefit year," Commissioner of Insurance Mike Chaney said.

Ambetter from Magnolia Health, as well as Humana, will continue to participate in the 2017 Individual Federal Marketplace, making individual and family health insurance options available for all Mississippians. Humana will limit its participation in the Individual Federal Marketplace in 2017 by withdrawing from sixteen Mississippi counties; but will continue to offer

Marketplace plans in 24 counties across the state. Depending on where a consumer resides, there may be health insurance plans available for purchase from both insurance carriers.

If a Mississippi consumer has a question about their healthcare policy, they may contact the MID Consumer Services Division at 1-800-562-2957 for assistance.