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## **Chaney Announces Development to Protect Consumers in the On-Going Dispute Between UHC and NMMC**

Commissioner of Insurance Mike Chaney issues the following statement regarding a development in the on-going dispute between UnitedHealthCare and North Mississippi Medical Center:

“I am pleased to announce that in an effort to ensure that consumers are fully protected, UnitedHealthCare (“UHC”) has agreed to pay claims at in-network rates, and North Mississippi Medical Center (“NMMC”) has agreed not to balance bill UHC members, pending a resolution of the on-going dispute between the parties or until May 31, 2017, whichever occurs first. This means that all UHC members may continue to be treated at NMMC as they are now without incurring certain financial penalties that might otherwise apply on an out-of-network basis, such as balance billing.

This action on the part of NMMC and UHC shows that their primary concern is for the patients and consumers they serve. I remain hopeful that the parties will reach a resolution of all issues in dispute in the near future.”

This will impact over 50,000 policyholders.

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