



THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
MEDICAL CENTER

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January 28, 2022

CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

M. Carol Pigott
President and Chief Executive Officer
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi
P. O. Box 1043
Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1043

RE: University of Mississippi Medical Center
Termination of Agreements

Dear Carol:

We have made a number of efforts over the past few months to make clear our dissatisfaction with the business terms of the Participating Hospital Agreements and associated provider and ancillary agreements between the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi. We sincerely hope that our organizations can improve our business partnership based on commercially reasonable terms.

This letter serves as our notice of termination, effective 12pm (midnight) on March 31, 2022, for the following contracts, including but not limited to all associated amendments, appendices, or other attachments thereto:

- Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Behavioral Health Network Agreement between University of Mississippi Medical Center and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, Inc., dated August 14, 2018;
- Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Healthcare Professional Network Agreement between University of Mississippi Medical Center and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, Inc., dated August 14, 2018;
- Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Advanced Nurse Practitioner Network Agreement between University of Mississippi Medical Center and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, Inc., dated August 14, 2018; and,
- Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Key Physician Agreement between University of Mississippi Medical Center and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, Inc., dated August 14, 2018.





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The effective termination date of March 31, 2022, will coincide with the pending expiration of the following agreements, whose respective terms were previously amended by the parties to extend their expiration dates to March 31, 2022:

- Participating Hospital Agreement between University of Mississippi Medical Center and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, Inc.;
- Participating Hospital Agreement between University Hospital & Clinics – Holmes County and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, Inc.; and,
- Participating Hospital Agreement between University of Mississippi Medical Center, dba UMMC Grenada and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, Inc.

It is our desire to continue to work with Blue Cross to come to a business arrangement that is acceptable to both parties. We submitted our proposal for updated business terms in the fall and are disappointed that we have not received a counter-proposal from you. Our proposed offer still stands.

This notice of termination shall not apply to those certain State Network Hospital Agreements between the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Grenada Lake Medical Center [University of Mississippi Medical Center, dba UMMC Grenada], and University Hospital & Clinics-Holmes County with Advanced Health Systems, Inc., as network providers for the Mississippi State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan. These AHS contracts remain in effect for all covered services provided to network participants by UMMC, pursuant to the terms of those agreements. Additionally, any executed letter agreements between UMMC and BCBSMS related to patients needing transplant services are not being terminated.

Our desire is to avoid any disruption of services for the patients we serve and hope that you share this goal for your members such that we are able to amicably resolve this matter prior to March 31st. We remain available to meet to negotiate commercially reasonable business terms.

Sincerely,

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

LouAnn Woodward, MD
Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and
Dean, School of Medicine