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**DATE:** January 17, 2024  
**TO:** GLH EMPLOYEES & MEDICAL STAFF  
**FROM:** GARY G. MARCHAND, Interim CEO  
**SUBJECT:** MHAP/CAH Employee Update

The Division of Medicaid has begun distributing funds relating to the Expanded Mississippi Hospital Access Payment (MHAP) program. This program will require Medicaid to begin paying hospitals at an average commercial rate, rather than a rate based on Medicare payment methodologies. The annual impact on GLH will be an additional \$10 million in Medicaid payments when providing services to Medicaid beneficiaries. These new payments will be sufficient to stabilize GLH's programs that service the needs of Medicaid recipients.

GLH also provides services to Medicare beneficiaries and the Medicare payment methodologies do not provide for the recovery of GLH's cost of providing those services. GLH's application for a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) designation is continuing and remains under consideration by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This designation will result in additional cost recoveries for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries and are a necessary component of GLH's ability to continue to provide services to these beneficiaries. We expect CMS's consideration process will continue during the first quarter of 2024. Mississippi's Congressional and State leaders remain engaged and supportive of the process with CMS.

We welcome the opportunity to receive additional Medicaid payments for the services GLH provides. We will keep you apprised of decisions made by CMS regarding the CAH designation and the potential for additional cost recoveries.