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May 29, 2026

Cristal Gary, CEO
Meridian Healthcare

RE: YouthCare Untimely 2026 Q3 Unaudited Financial Report Sanction

Dear Ms. Gary:

This letter serves as written notification to YouthCare Health Plan ("YouthCare") of sanction pursuant to Section 7.16.2 of the Contract for Furnishing Health Services by a Managed Care Organization through the DCFS Youth Managed Care Specialty Plan ("contract") between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services ("Department") and YouthCare.

YouthCare failed to submit its 2026 Q3 Unaudited Financial Report to SharePoint, on or before Friday, May 15, 2026. YouthCare submitted their 2026 Q3 Unaudited Financial Report on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. In addition, YouthCare did not request an extension to the report due date. As such, the Department is sanctioning YouthCare \$5,000. YouthCare is to issue an electronic payment to the Department, by either ACH or Wire Transfer, no later than Friday, June 26, 2026. The electronic payment shall include the following fields for payment identification and tracking purposes by the Department:

ORIG CO NAME: Meridian Health Plan Inc
ORIG ID: XXXXXXXXX
ENTRY DESCR: this is to be left blank
ENTRY CLASS: CCD
TRACE NO: Bank Information
ENTRY DATE: yymmdd
IND ID NO: Bank Information
IND NAME: Meridian Health Plan Inc
REMARK: YC 2026 Q3 Fin Rpt Sanction
ORIG BANK: Bank Name

*The information highlighted in yellow is specific to the Department and payment detail requirements, and shall not be changed or modified by the MCO.

*The information in gray is the banking information.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact your HFS Account Management team Jessica Pickens at Jessica.Pickens@illinois.gov, or Stephanie Hunter at Stephanie.Hunter2@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

Helena Lefkow, Deputy Administrator, Managed Care Performance
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