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January 23, 2026

Toni Fortson-Bigby, CEO
Aetna Better Health Inc

RE: Aetna MMAI Electronic Data Certification SharePoint Report Sanction

Dear Ms. Toni Fortson-Bigby:

This letter serves as written notification to Aetna MMAI Health Plan ("Aetna") of sanction pursuant to Section 5.3.14.1.11 of the Contract for the Medicare and Medicaid Alignment Initiative between the Department of Health and Human Services, acting by and through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the State of Illinois, acting by and through the Department of Healthcare and Family Services ("Department") and Aetna.

Aetna failed to submit their December 2025 Electronic Data Certification into the MMAI SharePoint library, on or before January 5, 2026. The report was submitted to the SharePoint MMAI library on January 6, 2026. In addition, Aetna did not request an extension to the SharePoint reporting due date. As such, the Department is sanctioning Aetna \$5,000. Aetna is to issue an electronic payment to the Department, by either ACH or Wire Transfer, no later than Friday, February 20, 2026. The electronic payment shall include the following fields for payment identification and tracking purposes by the Department:

ORIG CO NAME: **Aetna Better Health Inc**
ORIG ID: **XXXXXXXXXX**
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: **Aetna Better Health Inc**
REMARK: **Electronic Data Cert 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 Veronica Trimble at Veronica.A.Trimble@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

Helena Lefkow, Deputy Administrator, Managed Care Performance
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