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December 9, 2025

Stephen Harris, CEO
Blue Cross Blue Shield MMAI Health Plans

RE: BCBS MMAI Untimely Unaudited Financial Report 2026 Q1 Sanction

Dear Mr. Stephen Harris:

This letter serves as written notification to Blue Cross Blue Shield MMAI Health Plan ("Blue Cross") 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 Blue Cross.

Blue Cross failed to submit its 2026 Q1 Unaudited Financial report to SharePoint, on or before Friday, November 14, 2025. Blue Cross submitted their 2026 Q1 Unaudited Financial Report on Monday, November 17, 2025. In addition, Blue Cross did not request an extension to the report due date. As such, the Department is sanctioning Blue Cross \$5,000. Blue Cross is to issue an electronic payment to the Department, by either ACH or Wire Transfer, no later than Friday, January 9, 2025. The electronic payment shall include the following fields for payment identification and tracking purposes by the Department:

ORIG CO NAME: Health Care Service Corp
ORIG ID: [REDACTED]
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: Health Care Service Corp
REMARK: MMAI Fin Rpt Sanction 2026 Q1
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 Keshonna Lones at Keshonna.Lones@illinois.gov, or Stephanie Hunter at Stephanie.Hunter2@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

Helena Lefkow, Deputy Administrator, Managed Care Performance
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cc: Dana Mott, Adam Eifler, Tamara Valdez, Amy Roberts, Keshonna Lones, Rich Allen, Leigh Anne Ochs, Stephanie Hunter, Adam Lewis and Jessica Pickens