



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

August 15, 2017

Beth Embry, Executive Director
Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians
755 Avignon Drive
Ridgeland, MS 39157

Dear Ms. Embry,

It was a pleasure speaking with you last Friday about fostering a partnership to advance healthcare providers' knowledge and practices in managing and treating high blood pressure in Mississippi. In an effort to broaden the reach of our target audience and maximize available resources, the Mississippi State Department of Health, Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program propose to collaborate with the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians in the following manner:

- Provide a presenter to deliver a presentation on Blood Pressure Reading Protocol at the MAFP Fall Conference. The presenter is Sonja R. Fuqua, PhD, RN, and she is available on September 30, 2017. The presenter's honorarium and travel expenses are covered by the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program. *Please see attached objectives.*
- If approved, invite the MAFP to identify a representative with an interest in clinical information systems to serve on the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program's Health Information Technology conference planning committee.
- Request MAFP to promote the Mississippi Quality Improvement Initiative II (MSQII-2) website, www.msqii2.net, as a education resource center for providers to improve hypertension and A1c control.
- Request MAFP to serve as a member of the Mississippi Hypertension Coalition.
- Continue disseminating and promoting the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program funding opportunity announcements and continuing educational opportunities.
- Promote www.healthyms.com Heart Disease and Stroke webpage/publications as a resource for complimentary patient education materials.

Again, thank you so much for your time and I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at Augusta.Bilbro@Healthyms.com or 601-206-1559.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Augusta Bilbro".

Augusta Bilbro, Director

Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program
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Enclosure