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Subject: Inquiry Regarding Medicaid Eligibility Verification Practices in Ohio

Dear Mr. Talcove:

As a steward of Ohio's public finances and a protector of taxpayer dollars, it is imperative that the Ohio House of Representatives ensure the responsible management of state resources, particularly those allocated to Medicaid and other public assistance programs. These funds must directly serve Ohio's most vulnerable populations without being undermined by inefficiencies, improper payments, or fraudulent activity.

Your company has been identified as a key partner in assisting state agencies with verifying Medicaid beneficiary eligibility and detecting potential fraudulent applications and recertifications. Given the State of Ohio's commitment to ensuring program integrity, I am conducting a review to confirm that our Medicaid eligibility determination and redetermination processes align with best practices and fiscal responsibility.

In this regard, I request your assistance in providing the following information as it pertains to Ohio:

- 1. Does the Ohio Department of Medicaid utilize your data for Medicaid beneficiary ex-parte renewals?
- 2. How many income verifications did your company perform for Ohio Medicaid applicants in calendar year 2023?
- 3. How many asset verifications did your company perform for Ohio Medicaid applicants in calendar year 2023?
- 4. The Ohio Department of Medicaid has enhanced outreach efforts to beneficiaries, including multi-channel reminders (e.g., text, email, phone). Has your company provided assistance in updating or supplementing contact information for Ohio Medicaid recipients? If so, please provide any available data on contact accuracy rates.

Additionally, I am seeking your perspective on any directives or policy changes that may have created obstacles in properly verifying Medicaid eligibility and addressing fraudulent activity. The Ohio General Assembly is dedicated to ensuring that only eligible individuals receive benefits under Medicaid, and I am concerned about any guidance—whether from federal agencies or third-party contractors—that may hinder these efforts.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please provide a written response to these inquiries by **close of business on Friday, April 25, 2025**. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to working with you and your team to uphold the integrity of Ohio's Medicaid program.

Sincerely,

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