

July 28, 2005

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Chairman, United States Senate Committee on Finance Attention: Mr. Dean Zerbe 219 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: North Mississippi Health Services, Inc./North Mississippi Medical Center, Inc. Response to Senator Grassley's letter of May 25, 2005

Dear Senator Grassley:

Enclosed please find our response to your letter of May 25, 2005, based upon John Heer's, CEO North Mississippi Health Services, conversation with Mr. Dean Zerbe of your office.

If you or Mr. Zerbe have any questions please feel free to contact myself at (662) 377-4229 or Mr. John Heer at (662) 377-3136.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce J./Toppin

Vice President/General Counsel

Corporate Secretary, North Mississippi Health Services

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Enclosure

cc: John Heer