

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PLAINTIFF

V.

CAUSE NO. 3:16-CV-622-CWR-FKB

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

DEFENDANT

ORDER

Before the Court is the State of Mississippi's objection to the Monitor's proposed Year 1 Budget.¹ Docket No. 325. The State argues that the Monitor is planning to spend money on the Clinical Review Process, despite the fact that the Process is stayed by prior Court Order. *Id.*

Upon review of the United States' response and the record, and after conferring with the Monitor, the undersigned is assured that the Monitor will not be conducting the stayed Clinical Review Process. As the Court understands it, the disputed part of the Monitor's proposed budget is a kind of informal contact tracing designed to identify a discharged individual and ask them if they required re-hospitalization. That is contemplated by paragraph 28 of the Remedial Order and paragraph 2 of the Order of Appointment. The latter specifically concerns the Monitor's authority to speak with service recipients during "the Monitor's regular assessment," as distinct from "the annual Clinical Review," which pursuant to paragraph 23, will be designed by the State with the participation of the DOJ and the Monitor when the stay is lifted.

For these reasons, the objection is an objection to regular monitoring activities and is, therefore, overruled. The Clinical Review remains stayed.

¹ The proposed Budget is appended to this Order.

What remains is a minor administrative matter. The State requests, and the Court hereby Orders, that the State provide an initial \$25,000 payment to Hogan Health Solutions LLC for cash flow purposes.

SO ORDERED, this the 3rd day of December, 2021.

s/ Carlton W. Reeves
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE