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Division of Medical Services (Medicaid)18. In this capacity, the Deputy  

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services. They oversee Medicaid budgeting, policy manuals, provider enrollment,  

and claims payment for services18. Through this authority, the DMS Director  

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