

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201



July 18, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: Kara.Walker@delaware.gov

Kara Odom Walker, MD, MPH, MSHS
Secretary
Delaware Department of Health and Social Services
1901 N. Du Pont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720

Dear Secretary Walker:

Thank you for your submission on July 10, 2019 of Delaware's application for a State Innovation Waiver under section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Delaware seeks to waive certain PPACA requirements and implement a state reinsurance program called the Delaware Health Insurance Individual Market Stabilization Reinsurance Program for plan years 2020 through 2024. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of the Treasury (collectively, the Departments) have completed a preliminary review of the application in accordance with 45 CFR 155.1308(c) and 31 CFR 33.108(c), and we have made a preliminary determination that Delaware's application is complete.

Pursuant to 45 CFR 155.1308(d) and 31 CFR 33.108(d), the date of this letter marks the beginning of the Federal public notice process and 180-day Federal decision-making period. Public comments on Delaware's application will be accepted by the Departments from July 18, 2019 through August 17, 2019, and more information about the Federal public notice process and section 1332 waivers generally can be found on the CCIIO website.¹ The decision of the Departments regarding approval or denial of Delaware's application will be issued within 180 days of this preliminary determination of completeness in accordance with 45 CFR 155.1316(c), 31 CFR 33.116(c), and other applicable regulations.

We look forward to working with you on your application and will be in touch if we need additional information. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Pate", is positioned above the printed name.

Randy Pate
Director, Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight
Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

¹ https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/State-Innovation-Waivers/Section_1332_state_Innovation_Waivers-.html

Cc: David Kautter, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury
John Carney, Governor, State of Delaware
Trinidad Navarro, Commissioner, Delaware Department of Insurance