

Brian P. Kemp GOVERNOR

July 8, 2020

Dear Administrator Verma:

Pursuant to the State of Georgia's submitted 1332 waiver application, Reinsurance + Georgia Access, we respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Department of Treasury pause their review of Georgia's 1332 waiver application that was submitted on December 23, 2019.

We originally proposed to begin the Reinsurance Program in Plan Year 2021 and the Georgia Access Model in Plan Year 2022. Georgia, like most states across the country, had unanticipated budget constraints that emerged and will continue to emerge as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The State is taking this opportunity to modify the original waiver application to begin the Reinsurance Program in Plan Year 2022 and the proposed Georgia Access Model, which will also begin in Plan Year 2022.

To give the public an opportunity to comment on these minor modifications, the State is issuing a public notice and a draft of the modified application for an additional 15-day public comment period. We will also host two in-person public hearings that will be accessible to the public virtually. The State will submit the modified application, along with the public comments and the State's response, following the public comment period to the Departments for approval.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ryan Loke at (404) 606-6031.

Sincerely,

Governor Brian P. Kemp

Cc: Randy Pate, Director, CCIIO