April 30, 2015

The Honorable Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Burwell:

This letter is to advise that Delaware intends to pursue transitioning from a State Partnership Marketplace to a State Based Marketplace using the federal technology platform and related infrastructure. As a State Partnership Marketplace, Delaware manages consumer outreach and assistance, solicitation and review of qualified health plans, and final Medicaid eligibility determinations, and uses the federal technology platform and related infrastructure.

This plan to pursue designation as a State Based Marketplace using the federal technology platform and related infrastructure is based, in part, on our understanding that there is limited continued federal financial support for a State Partnership Marketplace, and therefore no ongoing funds available to pay for State Partnership Marketplace activities such as plan management. This transition plan is dependent on a mutually satisfactory financial arrangement pertaining to the Delaware Marketplace’s use of the federal technology platform and related infrastructure.

I designate Rita Landgraf, Secretary of Delaware’s Department of Health and Social Services, as the primary point of contact for the Department of Health and Human Services for matters related to the Marketplace.

We also advise and acknowledge that Delaware may amend this letter as necessary to provide further information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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