



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
**Office of the Governor**

Ralph S. Northam  
Governor

May 6, 2020

Mr. Randy Pate  
Deputy Administrator and Director  
CMS CCIIO  
200 Independence Ave SW, Suite 739H  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. Pate:

Please use this letter as formal notice that the Commonwealth of Virginia intends to establish a State Based Exchange on the Federal Platform to be operational for plan year 2021 and work towards transitioning to a full State-Based Exchange model by plan year 2023. This letter follows legislation passed by Virginia's General Assembly that I signed into law during the 2020 Legislative Session.

I designate the Virginia Bureau of Insurance Commissioner, Scott White, as the Commonwealth's point of contact and authorize the Commissioner to bind the state and attest to complying with the requirements of being a State Based Exchange on the Federal Platform. Additionally, the Commissioner is authorized to sign the Blueprint Application that must be approved by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). It is further acknowledged that HHS and the Commonwealth may agree to amend this Declaration of Intent Letter to include additional information necessary to establish the Exchange.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to working with you on a successful transition to a State Based Exchange on the Federal Platform for plan year 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam