



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 14, 2019

The Honorable Alex M. Azar
Secretary of Health and Human Services
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Azar,

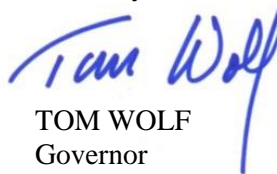
We are pleased to submit this letter as Pennsylvania's declaration to implement a State-Based individual and Small Business Health Options Program Exchange ("Exchange") for plan year 2021. We will continue to work closely with the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) to prepare the State-Based Exchange blueprint application necessary for transitioning to a State-Based Exchange – Federal Platform model for 2020, while planning for the full transition to a State-Based Exchange model in 2021. We will also work with Pennsylvania's General Assembly to secure the appropriate authority to operate the Exchange.

The Commonwealth designates the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Jessica Altman, as the primary point of contact regarding the Exchange. Commissioner Altman is authorized to formally bind the Commonwealth regarding the Exchange and complete and sign the Exchange Blueprint application, and electronically attest to Pennsylvania's intent to meet the requirements in the Exchange Blueprint Application. Pennsylvania acknowledges that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Commonwealth may agree to amend this declaration letter to include additional information necessary to establish the Exchange.

Pennsylvania is committed to working with the HHS, CCIIO, and stakeholders in the Commonwealth to implement a streamlined Exchange that will be run in a fiscally responsible manner, tailored to local needs, and overseen by state regulators, who can use their decades of experience regulating the Pennsylvania insurance market to build on the Federally-Facilitated Marketplace's work improving health insurance access, quality, transparency, and affordability. Pennsylvania supports your efforts to transform payment for health care services from volume to value, and the Commonwealth will be working with health insurance companies participating in the marketplace to identify goals that mirror those articulated by the federal government in this area.

Thank you for your continued support in this important undertaking.

Sincerely,



TOM WOLF
Governor