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Dear Director Eberle:

On January 15, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of the Treasury approved Maryland's application for an amendment of its State Innovation Waiver under Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Maryland's approved amendment application includes waiving the ACA's requirement for the single risk pool to the extent necessary to continue to implement a state reinsurance program called the Maryland State Reinsurance Program for plan years 2024 through 2028.¹

It is the Department of the Treasury's final administrative determination that Maryland's pass-through funding amount for calendar year 2026 is \$556,602,475, which must be used for purposes of implementing Maryland's State Innovation Waiver. This amount reflects changes in Maryland state law or regulation that impact the waiver, such as the introduction of the state's premium subsidy for eligible consumers.²

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. If you have any questions regarding program matters or official correspondence concerning the waiver, please contact Meril Pothen at Meril.Pothen@cms.hhs.gov or stateinnovationwaivers@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Nelson", is located below the word "Sincerely,".

Peter Nelson
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¹ On December 29, 2025, the Departments approved Maryland's request to suspend its Qualified Resident Enrollment Program, a portion of its amended waiver plan, from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, with a new effective date of January 1, 2028, pending approval from the Departments to move forward with implementation. The Reinsurance Program will continue to be in effect through December 31, 2028.

² House Bill 1082. Health Insurance – Individual Market Stabilization – Establishment of the State-Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program. See https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/Chapters_noln/CH_468_hb1082t.pdf

CC: Kenneth J. Kies, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury
The Honorable Wes Moore, Governor, State of Maryland
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