

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: troy.downing@mt.gov

Troy Downing
Montana Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
Office of the Montana State Auditor
840 Helena Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Commissioner Downing:

On August 16, 2019, the Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of the Treasury approved Montana's State Innovation Waiver under section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Montana's approved application waives the ACA's requirement for the single risk pool to the extent necessary to implement a state reinsurance program called the Montana Reinsurance Program for plan years 2020 through 2024.

This letter is to notify you that, in part due to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the pass-through funding associated with this waiver for calendar year 2022 is estimated to be \$29,734,004, which must be used for purposes of implementing Montana's State Innovation Waiver. This amount will be subject to a final administrative determination by the Department of the Treasury prior to payment.

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 Lina Rashid at Lina.Rashid@cms.hhs.gov or stateinnovationwaivers@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellen Montz", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Ellen Montz, Ph.D.
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Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Cc:

Lily Batchelder, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury
The Honorable Greg Gianforte, Governor, State of Montana