

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: CommissionerBrown@mt.gov

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

Dear Commissioner Brown:

On September 17, 2024, the Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of the Treasury approved Montana's application for an extension of its State Innovation Waiver under section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Montana's approved extension application waives the ACA's requirement for the single risk pool to the extent necessary to continue to implement a state reinsurance program called the Montana Reinsurance Program for plan years 2025 through 2029.

It is the Department of the Treasury's final administrative determination that Montana's pass-through funding amount for calendar year 2026 is \$35,857,861, which must be used for purposes of implementing Montana's State Innovation Waiver.

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 that reads 'Peter Nelson'.

Peter Nelson
Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight
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CC: Kenneth J. Kies, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury
The Honorable Greg Gianforte, Governor, State of Montana
Erin Snyder, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
Amber Thorvilson, Deputy State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance