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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: jongodfread@nd.gov

Jon Godfread
Commissioner
North Dakota Insurance & Securities Department
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Dear Commissioner Godfread:

On November 7, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of the Treasury approved North Dakota's application for an extension of its State Innovation Waiver under Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). North Dakota'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 Reinsurance Association of North Dakota for plan years 2025 through 2029.

It is the Department of the Treasury's final administrative determination that North Dakota's pass-through funding amount for calendar year 2026 is \$23,552,436, which must be used for purposes of implementing North Dakota'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 Kelly Armstrong, Governor, State of North Dakota
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