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Tom Wolf Governor Office of the Governor 225 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

Thank you for your letter regarding Pennsylvania's intent to operate a State-based Exchange on the Federal Platform (SBE-FP) for the Plan Year 2020 open enrollment period. We recognize this means Pennsylvania will no longer operate as a Federally-facilitated Exchange (FFE) and will complete all SBE-FP requirements, as outlined in your Blueprint Application.

CMS will continue to provide technical assistance to the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Authority (PHIEA) during this transition, as PHIEA continues to build toward being able to carry out all required functions of an SBE-FP. Through this letter, we acknowledge you will have the capability to perform consumer assistance, plan management, and related SBE-FP responsibilities beginning with this upcoming open enrollment period.

Thank you.

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