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Mr. Gary Cohen
Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
United States Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Re: Mississippi SHOP Exchange approval

Dear Director Cohen,

Pursuant to discussions between HHS and our Department, please allow this letter to serve as Mississippi's formal request seeking approval to move forward with the establishment of a Small Business Health Options Program ("SHOP") Exchange, as set forth under Section 1311 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA").

On behalf of the Mississippi Department of Insurance and the State of Mississippi, as Commissioner, I have the authority to implement a SHOP Exchange.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Chaney", with a horizontal line underneath.

Mike Chaney
Commissioner of Insurance