

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight
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September 7, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: michele.eberle@maryland.gov

Michele Eberle, M.B.A.
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Dear Director Eberle:

This letter is to notify you that, in part due to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Maryland will receive a total of \$474,542,755 in pass-through funding to implement its State Innovation Waiver under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) for calendar year 2021.

As you are aware, on August 22, 2018, the Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of the Treasury (the Departments) approved Maryland's State Innovation Waiver under Section 1332 of the ACA. Maryland'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 Maryland State Reinsurance Program for plan years 2019 through 2023. On April 21, 2021, the Departments notified Maryland that they had determined that Maryland's pass-through funding amount for calendar year 2021 was \$335,383,207. This determination reflected federal law as of March 10, 2021, prior to the passage of the ARP. Among other changes, the ARP temporarily expanded the ACA's premium tax credit (PTC), increasing the generosity of the PTC for those who were already eligible under the ACA and making PTCs available to individuals with incomes above 400 percent of the federal poverty level for the first time.

The Departments have now completed their analysis of the effects of the ARP on pass-through funding. The Department of the Treasury's final administrative determination for Maryland's total pass-through funding for calendar year 2021, after accounting for the ARP, is \$474,542,755. As a result, Maryland will receive \$139,159,548 more in pass-through funding than the amount specified in the Departments' April letter.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ellen" and the last name "Montz" clearly distinguishable.

Ellen Montz

Director

Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)

Cc:

Mark Mazur, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury

The Honorable Larry Hogan, Governor, State of Maryland

Kathleen A. Birrane, Commissioner, Maryland Insurance Administration

Johanna Fabian-Marks, Director, Policy and Plan Management, Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

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April 21, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: michele.eberle@maryland.gov

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Dear Director Eberle:

On August 22, 2018, the Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of the Treasury approved Maryland's State Innovation Waiver under Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Maryland's approved application waives the ACA's requirement for the single risk pool to implement a state reinsurance program called the Maryland State Reinsurance Program for plan years 2019 through 2023. It is the Department of the Treasury's final administrative determination that Maryland's pass-through funding amount for calendar year 2021 is \$335,383,207. This determination reflects federal law as of March 10, 2021. For information on how the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 may impact pass-through funding, please see here.¹

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,

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Jeffrey Grant
Acting Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

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Mark Mazur, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury
The Honorable Larry Hogan, Governor, State of Maryland

¹ https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/State-Innovation-Waivers/Section_1332_State_Innovation_Waivers-#pass-through

Kathleen A. Birrane, Commissioner, Maryland Insurance Administration
Johanna Fabian-Marks, Director, Policy and Plan Management, Maryland Health Benefit
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February 25, 2021

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Dear Director Eberle:

On August 22, 2018, the Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of the Treasury approved Maryland's State Innovation Waiver under Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Maryland's application sought to waive PPACA's requirement for the single risk pool to implement a state reinsurance program called the Maryland State Reinsurance Program for plan years 2019 through 2023. The pass-through funding associated with this waiver for calendar year 2020 is estimated to be \$335,383,207. This amount will be subject to a final administrative determination by the Department of the Treasury prior to payment.

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 "Jeffrey Grant", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jeffrey Grant
Acting Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight

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The Honorable Larry Hogan, Governor, State of Maryland
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