

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



September 26, 2016

The Honorable David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i
Executive Chambers
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Governor Ige:

Thank you for your submission on August 10, 2016, of Hawai'i's application for a State Innovation Waiver under Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Hawai'i is seeking to waive the ACA requirement that a Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) operate in the state, and related provisions. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of the Treasury (the Departments) have completed a preliminary review of the application in accordance with 45 CFR 155.1308(c), and we have made a preliminary determination that your application is complete.

Pursuant to 45 CFR 155.1308(d), the date of this letter marks the beginning of the Federal public notice process and 180-day Federal decision-making period. Public comments on the application will be accepted by the Departments from September 26, 2016 until October 26, 2016, and more information can be found on the CCIIO website.¹ The decision of the Secretaries of HHS and the Treasury will be issued within 180 days in accordance with 45 CFR 155.1308 (c). We look forward to working with you on your application and will be in touch if we need additional information. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin J. Counihan", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin J. Counihan
Chief Executive Officer, Health Insurance Marketplaces
Director, Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight

Cc: Mark J. Mazur, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury

¹ https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/State-Innovation-Waivers/Section_1332_state_Innovation_Waivers.html