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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: lori.wing-heier@alaska.gov
Mrs. Lori K. Wing-Heier
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Dear Mrs. Wing-Heier:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori".

Thank you for your submission on January 3, 2017 of Alaska's application for a State Innovation Waiver under Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Alaska would waive requirements of the ACA and implement the Alaska Reinsurance Program (ARP) for 2018 and future years. The Department of Health & 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 January 17, 2017 until February 16, 2017, 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) and other applicable regulations. 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 cursive script that reads "Kevin J. Coughlin".

Kevin J. Coughlin
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