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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:** Christopher.R.Nicolopoulos@ins.nh.gov; governorsununu@nh.gov;  
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Christopher Nicolopoulos  
Insurance Commissioner  
New Hampshire Insurance Department  
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Dear Commissioner Nicolopoulos:

Thank you for your submission on April 23, 2020 of New Hampshire's application for a State Innovation Waiver under section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). New Hampshire's application seeks to waive certain PPACA requirements and implement a state reinsurance program for plan years 2021 through 2025. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of the Treasury (collectively, the Departments) have completed a preliminary review of the application in accordance with 45 CFR 155.1308(c) and 31 CFR 33.108(c), and we have made a preliminary determination that New Hampshire's application is complete.

Pursuant to 45 CFR 155.1308(d) and 31 CFR 33.108(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 New Hampshire's application will be accepted by the Departments from May 13, 2020 through June 12, 2020, and more information about the Federal public notice process and section 1332 waivers generally can be found on the CCIIO website.<sup>1</sup> The decision of the Departments regarding approval or denial of New Hampshire's application will be issued within 180 days of this preliminary determination of completeness in accordance with 45 CFR 155.1316(c), 31 CFR 33.116(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 black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Pate', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Randy Pate  
Director, Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight  
Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/State-Innovation-Waivers/Section\\_1332\\_state\\_Innovation\\_Waivers-.html](https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/State-Innovation-Waivers/Section_1332_state_Innovation_Waivers-.html)

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