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Randy Pate
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Dear Mr. Pate,

I am writing to express the intent of the State of Maine to implement a State-Based Health Benefit Exchange on the Federal Platform effective plan year 2021, and to potentially transition to a fully operational State-Based Exchange effective plan year 2022.

My Administration is committed to improving the affordability of health care coverage for Maine people. I believe that creating an Exchange (Marketplace) designed to meet the specific needs of our State is a foundational step to accomplish that goal. We will work closely with consumers, health insurance carriers, navigators and brokers, and other stakeholders to develop a blueprint and transition plan that will minimize disruption while ensuring the long-term success, efficiency, and stability of the exchange.

To that end, I am pleased to designate Jeanne Lambrew, Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services, as Maine's point of contact regarding this transition. Commissioner Lambrew is authorized to formally bind the State, and to sign the Exchange Blueprint Application. She will work in close collaboration with the Bureau of Insurance which currently provides plan management for the Marketplace. Maine further acknowledges that the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the State may agree to amend this declaration letter to include additional information necessary to establish the Exchange.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to working with you to ensure a successful transition.

Yours Very Truly,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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