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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: doug.ommen@iid.iowa.gov
Commissioner Doug Ommen
Iowa Insurance Division
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Dear Commissioner Ommen:

Thank you for your submission on August 21, 2017, of Iowa's application for a State Innovation Waiver under Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Iowa's application seeks to waive certain PPACA requirements related to health plan coverage, premium tax credits, cost sharing reductions, and special enrollment periods in order to implement the Iowa Stopgap Measure (ISM) for 2018. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 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 we have made a 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 19, 2017 until October 19, 2017, and more information can be found on the CCIIO website.¹ The decision of the Departments 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 black ink, appearing to read "Randy Pate", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Randy Pate

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

Cc: David Kautter, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury
Kim Reynolds, Governor of Iowa

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