



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

November 28, 2012

Gary Cohen
Director, Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Arizona does not intend to operate its own State-based Health Insurance Exchange. Please accept this letter as acknowledgement that the State of Arizona will participate in a Federally-facilitated Exchange. Arizona does not intend to operate its own transitional reinsurance program.

The State of Arizona has made significant progress in its planning and design configuration for all of the required Health Insurance Exchange core functions as evidenced by the Exchange Progress Letter dated October 16, 2012. However, the failure of Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to timely issue detailed regulations, written guidance and inform States when required federal services will be made available has made it impossible for Arizona and other states to make informed decisions on proceeding with a State-based Exchange.

I have designated Don Hughes, my Health Care Policy Advisor as the primary point of contact for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on issues related to a Federally-facilitated Exchange. Mr. Tom Betlach, Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System is the primary point of contact on eligibility determination and coordination for the Medicaid Program and the Children's Health Insurance Program. Arizona will work collaboratively with HHS on any issues regarding a Federally-facilitated Exchange.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice K. Brewer".

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius