



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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The Honorable Harold Rogers  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

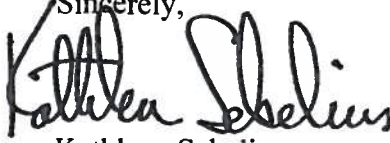
Dear Chairman Rogers:

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) plans to move the Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (OCIIO) out of the Office of the Secretary and into the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This proposal establishes the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight.

After the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law last March, HHS established the Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight within the Office of the Secretary so that HHS senior leadership could ensure that early policy and program development could be achieved, bringing to bear the greatest expertise across the Department. Now that we are moving into an operational phase of ACA implementation, we believe an operating division such as CMS has the best resources, in terms of expertise and administrative processes, to achieve successful implementation. This reorganization will also result in administrative savings and organizational efficiencies. The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight will continue to fulfill the functions of OCIIO -- providing national leadership in setting and enforcing standards for health insurance that promote fair and reasonable practices to ensure affordable, quality health care coverage is available to all Americans. It will also provide consumers with comprehensive information on coverage options currently available so they may make informed health insurance choices.

CMS will be amending its section in the HHS Organization Manual through a *Federal Register* notice to reflect the reorganization. Enclosed please find the current CMS organization chart and the proposed CMS organization chart that reflects the changes.

I appreciate the subcommittee's continued interest in and support of the activities of CMS, and I would be happy to answer any questions you or your staff may have.

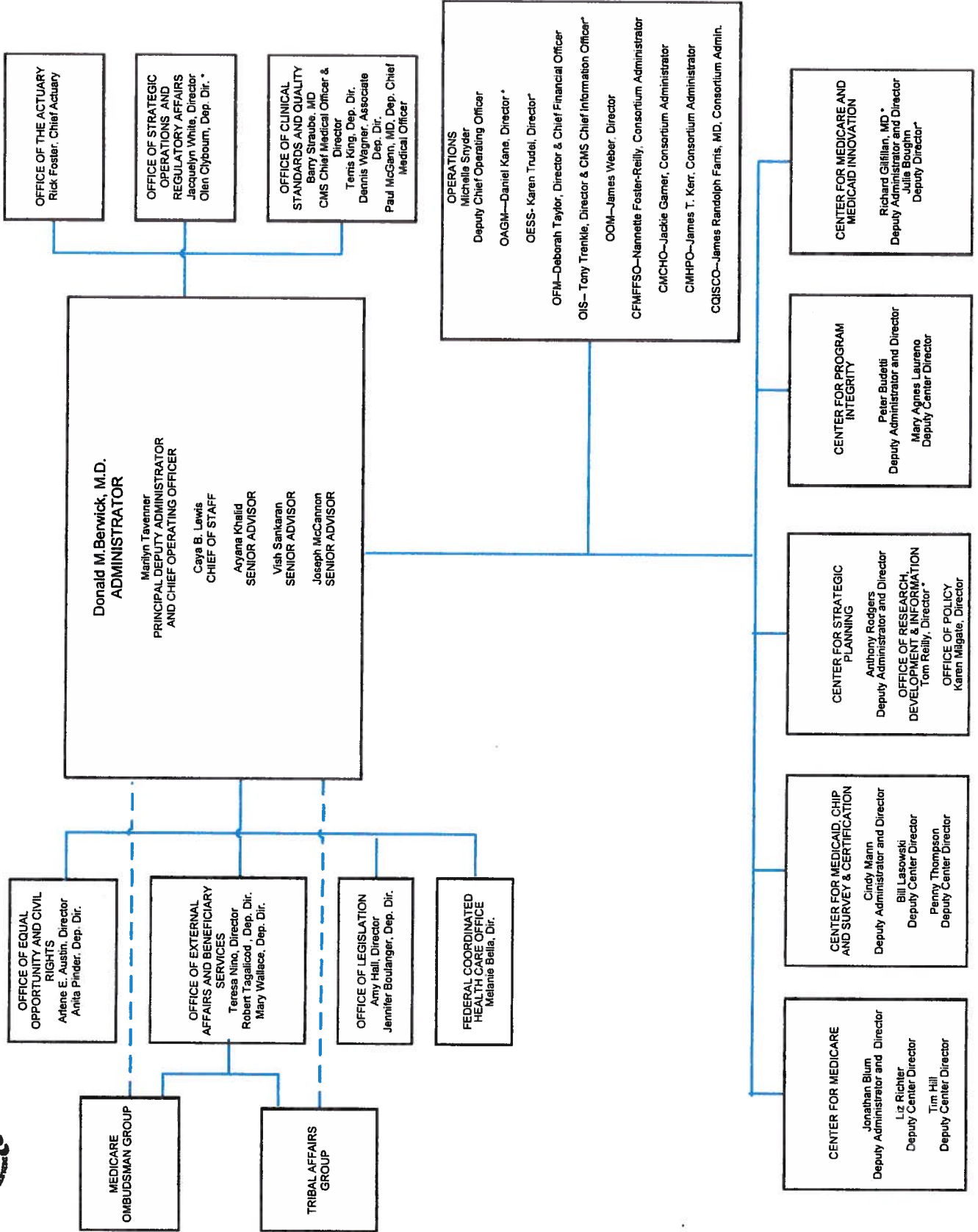
Sincerely,  
  
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