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Dear Ms. Berg:

I am writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved your Basic Health Program (BHP) Blueprint, submitted on December 10, 2014. This certified Blueprint permits Minnesota to establish a BHP and receive federal funds in its BHP trust fund, with coverage beginning January 1, 2015.

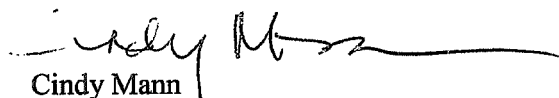
The BHP Blueprint contains sufficient information to determine that the BHP will comply with the requirements of section 1331 of the Affordable Care Act and 42 CFR 600, in conjunction with the supplemental information provided by the state related to the scope of benefits. The Blueprint demonstrates adequate planning for the integration of BHP with other insurance affordability programs in a manner that will permit a seamless, coordinated experience for a potentially eligible individual. The Blueprint is also a complete and comprehensive description of the BHP and its operations, demonstrating thorough planning and a concrete program design. As authorized under 42 CFR 600.145(e), we are also approving the state's Transition Plan for 2015. As part of that Transition Plan, the state will delay MinnesotaCare renewals/BHP eligibility determinations until February 2015.

Additionally, as authorized under 42 CFR 600.410(c), the state will utilize its existing 2014 MinnesotaCare contractual relationships for 2015 and will undergo competitive re-procurement for 2016.

We will continue to work with you to make any required modifications for program year 2016 when the transition authorities outlined above no longer apply.

If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Kelly Whitener, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services at (410) 786-0719. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. Congratulations on being the first state to implement BHP!

Sincerely,


Cindy Mann
Director

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