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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:** mike.rothman@state.mn.us

Mr. Mike Rothman  
Commissioner  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
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Dear Mr. Rothman:

Thank you for your submission on May 30, 2017 of Minnesota's application for a State Innovation Waiver under Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Minnesota proposes to waive certain requirements of the PPACA and implement a new state-based reinsurance program, the Minnesota Premium Security Plan (MPSP) for 2018 and future years to stabilize the individual market. The Department of Health & 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 preliminary 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 June 30, 2017 until July 30, 2017, and more information can be found on the CCIIO website.<sup>1</sup> 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Randy Pate', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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

Cc: Tom West, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/State-Innovation-Waivers/Section\\_1332\\_state\\_Innovation\\_Waivers-.html](https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/State-Innovation-Waivers/Section_1332_state_Innovation_Waivers-.html)