

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: Jean.M.Straight@oregon.gov
Jean Straight
Acting Director
Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services
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Dear Director Straight:

Thank you for your submission on August 31, 2017, of Oregon's application for a State Innovation Waiver under Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Oregon seeks to waive certain PPACA requirements and implement a reinsurance program called the Oregon Reinsurance Program (ORP) for 2018 and future years. 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 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 September 11, 2017 until October 11, 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Pate", is positioned above the printed name.

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
Laura Cali Robison, Oregon Insurance Commissioner
The Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon

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