

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: jessica.looman@state.mn.us

Ms. Jessica Looman
Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
Saint Paul, MN 55101

Dear Commissioner Looman:

On September 22, 2017, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of the Treasury (collectively, the Departments) approved Minnesota's Section 1332 waiver application. Minnesota's application sought waiver of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requirement for the single risk pool in order to implement the Minnesota Premium Security Plan (MPSP). The Departments granted Minnesota's application to waive the single risk pool requirement in the individual market under section 1312(c)(1) of the PPACA, to the extent it would otherwise require excluding total expected State reinsurance payments when establishing the market-wide index rate for the purposes described in the state's application.

In the letter, the Departments described that the amount of pass-through funding for calendar years 2018 through 2022 will be calculated by the Departments annually (per PPACA section 1332(a)(3)) and reported to the State. The pass-through funding for calendar year 2018 is estimated to be \$130,719,696. This amount will be subject to a final administrative determination by the Department of the Treasury prior to payment.

If you have any questions regarding program matters or official correspondence concerning the waiver please contact Rachel Arguello at Rachel.Arguello@cms.hhs.gov or stateinnovationwaivers@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Date", is written over the printed name.

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

Cc: David Kautter, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury
The Honorable Mark Dayton, Governor of Minnesota