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Peter Nelson
Deputy Administrator and Director
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)
200 Independence Avenue, SW, Suite 739H
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Director Nelson:

I am submitting this Exchange Declaration of Intent Letter on behalf of the State of Indiana to formally notify CMS of Indiana's decision to establish and operate a State-Based Exchange (SBE). Indiana intends to transition to a State-Based Exchange on the Federal Platform (SBE-FP) on April 1, 2027, for Plan Year 2027 and to a fully independent SBE for Plan Year 2029.

Authority and Governance: Legislation authorizing the establishment and operation of an SBE was passed by the Indiana General Assembly and went into effect July 1, 2026, under Ind. Code § 27-19-3-1.5 (2026). The Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) will assume responsibility for all exchange functions permitted under federal law. IDOI Commissioner Holly W. Lambert will serve as the authorized designee to act as the primary point of contact and authorized to bind the state with CMS regarding Indiana's SBE, as well as to complete and sign the Exchange Blueprint Application.

Implementation Timeline: Indiana anticipates completing all required planning, system development, operational readiness activities, and submission of the Exchange Blueprint Application in accordance with CMS deadlines to ensure approval for operation beginning with the 2029 Open Enrollment Period. Indiana and CMS may agree to amend this Declaration of Intent Letter to include additional information necessary to establish the SBE.

Commitment to Compliance and Coordination: Indiana affirms its commitment to meeting all federal standards applicable to SBE's and will continue close coordination with CMS throughout the transition from a Federally Facilitated Exchange.

We appreciate CMS's ongoing guidance and support as Indiana advances the transition to an SBE-FP on April 1, 2027, for Plan Year 2027 and to a fully independent SBE for Plan Year 2029.

Respectfully,

Mike Braun
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