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GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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The Honorable Kathleen G. Sebelius  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Hubert Humphrey Building  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius,

I write to inform you that the State of Connecticut is well along in the process of implementing a State-Based Exchange consistent with the goals of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) to increase the number of insured residents in our state, promote health, lower costs and eliminate health disparities.

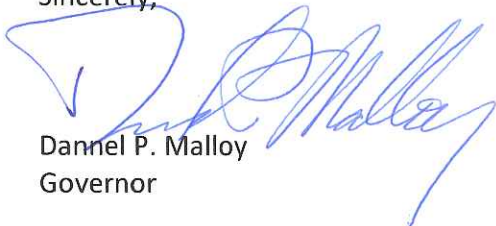
The Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange was established in 2011 by the Connecticut General Assembly as a quasi-public agency. Its power is vested in a 14-member Board of Directors chaired by Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman and composed of representatives from health care, business, consumer advocacy and insurance. In addition, four different advisory committees composed of a variety of stakeholders have been charged with providing the board with diverse perspectives on key initiatives and operations.

Lt. Gov. Wyman will serve as Connecticut's Exchange Designee and is authorized to be the primary point of contact with HHS.

I am also pleased to inform you that in June 2012, I chose Kevin Counihan as the Exchange's Chief Executive Officer. From 2006 to 2011, Counihan was Chief Marketing Officer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Health Insurance Connector Authority, which administers that state's health insurance exchange.

On behalf of everyone involved in the Exchange, we look forward to working with your office to realize the goals of the ACA and to develop an Exchange by 2014 that meets the unique market and coverage needs here in Connecticut.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor