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VIA U.S. MAIL and E-MAIL (State.Exchange.Group@cms.hhs.gov)

Mr. Gary Cohen
Deputy Administrator and Director
Center for Consumer Information and
Insurance Oversight
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
200 Independence Avenue SW, Suite 739H
Washington, DC 20201

Re: Exchange Declaration Letter for the State of Mississippi

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I am pleased to provide this Declaration Letter of our intent to implement and operate a State-based Exchange for the citizens of Mississippi that is tailored to the unique needs of our State. Pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 83-1-1, the Mississippi Department of Insurance is charged with the execution of all laws relative to all insurance and all insurance companies, corporations, associations, or orders. As an elected official and the chief officer of the Department of Insurance, I am authorized by state law to submit this Exchange Declaration Letter on behalf of the State of Mississippi.

The Mississippi Health Insurance Exchange is being established and implemented by the Mississippi Comprehensive Health Insurance Risk Pool Association ("Association"), a nonprofit entity created by the Mississippi Legislature in 1992. With the Association's infrastructure, expertise and exceptional record of providing health coverage to Mississippians, I am confident that it is the appropriate and proper platform to establish and operate Mississippi's Exchange.

The Mississippi Exchange intends to use the following Federal services: risk adjustment program; reinsurance program; and eligibility determinations for Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC)/Cost-Sharing Reduction (CSR).

Mr. Aaron Sisk of my staff will serve as the primary point of contact with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regarding the Mississippi Exchange.

Thank you for your consideration of the forthcoming Mississippi Exchange application and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Chaney", written over a horizontal line.

Mike Chaney
Commissioner of Insurance

Cc: Honorable Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi