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September 11, 2024

Dr. Ellen Montz
Deputy Administrator and Director
Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Department of Health and Human Services
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Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Dr. Montz:

The Oregon legislature passed, and I signed Senate Bill 972 (SB 972) during the 2023 legislative session. SB 972 directs the state of Oregon transition to a state-based marketplace (SBM). I am pleased to submit this letter as Oregon's declaration of our intent to implement an SBM for plan year 2027.

As you are aware, the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace has operated as a state-based marketplace using the federal platform (SBM-FP) since 2014. We appreciate our decade-long partnership with the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO). During this time Oregon has continuously pursued strategies to increase value, quality, and choice for consumers, including through the operation of a reinsurance program. Pursuing an SBM is an additional strategy in service to these goals and Oregon will continue to work closely with your agency to prepare the blueprint application necessary for transitioning to an SBM.

To facilitate this work, I designate the Director of the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, Chiqui Flowers, as the primary point of contact to your team regarding the Oregon marketplace. Director Flowers is authorized to bind the state and attest to complying with the requirements of being a state-based marketplace, as well as complete and sign the blueprint application. It is further acknowledged that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the state may agree to amend this declaration letter to include additional information necessary to establish the intended state-based marketplace. Director Flowers will work closely with leadership from the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services and my office as these conversations progress. It is also my expectation that Director Flowers keep the Legislature apprised of the state's continued work toward our shared implementation goal.

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Oregon looks forward to working closely with your teams as we pursue a successful transition to a state-based marketplace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Kotek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tina" being more prominent than the last name "Kotek".

Governor Tina Kotek

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CC: Director Sejal Hathi, Oregon Health Authority
Director Andrew Stolfi, Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services
Director Chiqui Flowers, Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, Oregon Health Authority