

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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May 9, 2018

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:** Megan.Cramer@wisconsin.gov

Scott Walker  
Governor of Wisconsin  
1115 E. Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker:

Thank you for your submission on April 18, 2018 of Wisconsin's application for a State Innovation Waiver under Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Wisconsin seeks to waive certain PPACA requirements and implement a reinsurance program called the Wisconsin Healthcare Stability Plan (WIHSP) for 2019 and future years. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of the Treasury (collectively, the Departments) have completed a preliminary review of the application in accordance with 45 CFR 155.1308(c), and we have made a preliminary determination that your application is complete.

Pursuant to 45 CFR 155.1308(d), the date of this letter marks the beginning of the Federal public notice process and 180-day Federal decision-making period. Public comments on the application will be accepted by the Departments from May 9, 2018 through June 8, 2018, and more information can be found on the CCHIO website.<sup>1</sup> The decision of the Departments will be issued within 180 days in accordance with 45 CFR 155.1308(c) and other applicable regulations. We look forward to working with you on your application and will be in touch if we need additional information. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Pate", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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

Cc: David Kautter, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Ted Nickel, Insurance Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, State of Wisconsin  
J.P. Wieske, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, State of Wisconsin

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/State-Innovation-Waivers/Section\\_1332\\_state\\_Innovation\\_Waivers-.html](https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/State-Innovation-Waivers/Section_1332_state_Innovation_Waivers-.html)