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Administrator
Washington, DC 20201

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Energy and Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pallone:

Thank you for your letter regarding the bulletin recently released by the Idaho Department of Insurance regarding potential state-based health benefit plans. We appreciate your attention to this important issue, and we share your goal of ensuring all Americans have access to choices for affordable health insurance that meets their family's needs.

At this time, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) does not have any additional information to share regarding this bulletin. We are committed to fulfilling our obligations under the law while continuing to work with states to provide flexibility where possible, and we are happy to keep you informed of any developments.

Again, thank you for your letter and input on this issue. If you have any further questions, please contact the CMS Office of Legislation. I will share this response with the co-signers of your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Seema Verma".

Seema Verma