



## State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight  
200 Independence Avenue SW, Ste. 739H  
Washington, DC 20201

RE: Notice of Intent to Establish State-Based Exchange (Declaration of Intent Letter)

To Whom it May Concern:

On December 13, 2012, New Mexico notified the Department of Health and Human Services that it intended to develop and implement a state-based health insurance exchange (SBE). However, as you know, New Mexico subsequently established a state-based exchange using the federal enrollment platform (SBE-FP). The New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange (NMHIX) was created in 2013 by the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Act. It was established as a (quasi-governmental) non-profit public corporation, governed by a 13-member Board of Directors. The NMHIX has operated as a SBE-FP since that time.

On May 23, 2019, the NMHIX Board of Directors voted to transition from a SBE-FP to a SBE. Accordingly, please accept this letter as confirmation of NMHIX's intent to transition from a SBE-FP to a SBE, effective Plan Year 2022.

Mr. Jeffery Bustamante, the Chief Executive Officer of NMHIX, will continue as the designated primary point of contact. He is authorized to bind New Mexico regarding the Exchange, and to complete and sign New Mexico's updated Exchange Blueprint Application. His contact information is: Jeffery W. Bustamante, 7601 Jefferson St. NE, Ste. 120, Albuquerque, NM, 87109; (505) 314-5210; JBustamante@nmhix.com.

Finally, this letter acknowledges that HHS and New Mexico may agree to amend this Declaration of Intent Letter to include additional information necessary for New Mexico's transition from a SBE-FP to a SBE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Lujan Grisham".

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

cc: SBMOversight@cms.hhs.gov