



STATE OF ARKANSAS
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April 16, 2015

The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell
Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
c/o CMS Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight
200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Suite 739H
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Madam Secretary:

Please accept submission of this Declaration Letter confirming Arkansas' intent to establish a State-Based Marketplace (SBM) through the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM) which was established by the 89th Arkansas General Assembly 2013 Regular Session via Act 1500.

Pursuant to Act 398 of 2015, the Arkansas General Assembly may revisit this subject prior to implementation of the SBM, but in keeping with the actions authorized by Act 1500, it is our intent to request the abovementioned designation.

The Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Executive Director, Cheryl Smith, is designated to be responsible for completion and submission of Arkansas' Exchange Blueprint Application. She will also serve as primary contact for purposes of HHS collaboration.

I look forward to continuing our state's tradition of identifying innovative, consumer-driven solutions that best serve the people of Arkansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ASA Hutchinson".