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The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Via U.S. Mail and email: EHBQuestions@cms.hhs.gov

Dear Secretary Burwell:

Pursuant to section 1302(b)(2)(A) of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), I am writing to inform you that the Priority Health HMO plan has been selected as Michigan's essential health benefits benchmark plan for coverage year 2017. This plan – as supplemented by the MICHild dental program (for pediatric dental coverage) and the federal FEDVIP BlueVision High Option plan (for pediatric vision coverage) – will form the minimum coverage requirements under the ACA for Michiganders in the non-grandfathered small group and individual insurance markets for plan year 2017.

Please note that Michigan requested, and received, from the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, an extension of the deadline to select its benchmark plan. Accordingly, Michigan is submitting this selection letter to you on the extended deadline date of July 1.

It is important to note that Michigan selected its essential health benefits benchmark plan based on the guidance presently available from the federal government on essential health benefits and the benchmarking process. Based on this guidance, the selection of the Priority Health HMO plan as Michigan's essential health benefits benchmark plan is expressly limited to plan year 2017 and may be reevaluated at a later date.

Staff from the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services will enter the coverage details for Michigan's benchmark plan selection into the U.S. Department of Health & Human Service's Health Insurance Oversight System (HIOS).

Sincerely,

Rick Snyder
Governor