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

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

Pursuant to section 1302(b)(2)(A) of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), I am writing to inform you that Priority Health's HMO plan has been selected as Michigan's benchmark essential health benefits plan for coverage years 2014 and 2015. Priority Health's HMO plan – as supplemented by the MICHild dental program (for pediatric dental coverage) and the FEDVIP Blue Vision High 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.

It is important to note that Michigan selects its essential health benefits benchmark based on the limited guidance presently available from the federal government on essential health benefits and the benchmarking process. Based on this guidance, the selection of Priority Health's HMO plan as Michigan's essential health benefits benchmark plan is expressly limited to plan years 2014 and 2015 and may be reevaluated at a later date.

Staff from the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation will enter the coverage details for Michigan's benchmark selection into the U.S. Department of Health & Human Service's Health Insurance Oversight System (HIOS). I anticipate the HIOS data submission to be completed within the coming week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Snyder".

Rick Snyder  
Governor

Enclosure