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To: HHS MLR Adjustments (HHS)
Subject: Michigan MLR Waiver Status and Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern,

As the designated representative for Michigan for our MLR waiver request, I am writing to inquire about the status of our waiver application submitted July 28, 2011. As stated in Commissioner Clinton's request, we believe the immediate implementation of the 80% federal MLR may have a significantly disruptive effect on the individual insurance marketplace due to the magnitude of the indicated rebates relative to their current profitability for a number of issuers. A gradual implementation of higher MLR standards would provide issuers a more stable environment in the short run and time to change their business practices by 2014. We appreciate your efforts to expedite our application to hopefully forgo any disruption to our state's individual health policyholders. We are available anytime to respond to questions or provide additional information should it be needed.

Also, on a related note, you may be aware that Representatives Camp and Upton submitted a letter to Secretary Sebelius supporting Michigan's MLR waiver request. We ask that you include this letter of support with our application and post it to the website. A copy of the letter can be found here:

<http://waysandmeans.house.gov/UploadedFiles/WaiverLetter.pdf>

Again, we sincerely appreciate your efforts in reviewing our application and look forward to your comments and questions. You may address them at my contact information below and as included in the MLR waiver request itself.

Kind Regards,
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