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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

October 12, 2012

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

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

I am writing to request the timely issuance of federal guidance and regulations to states regarding the implementation and operation of a Basic Health Program.

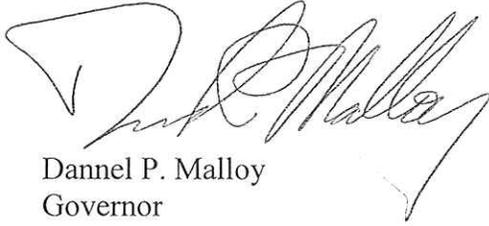
Connecticut is currently working on a number of fronts to improve health care delivery, access, quality, outcomes and cost control and comply with the federal Affordable Care Act. Under my direction, an Office of Health Reform and Innovation was established in 2010 in the Lieutenant Governor's Office that is working on a broad range of health care reform initiatives. The Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange is making excellent progress toward starting up a state insurance exchange by 2014. Our State Medicaid program is implementing a number of services delivery reforms and is in the midst of an initiative to rebalance long-term services and supports in the state.

Critical to informing several of these initiatives, the Office of Health Reform and Innovation is leading an effort to analyze the feasibility of establishing a Basic Health Program in the state. Whether or not Connecticut chooses to implement a Basic Health Program impacts other efforts to effect health care reform in the state. This is particularly true with respect to the implementation of the Health Insurance Exchange and to policy decisions impacting the State Medicaid program.

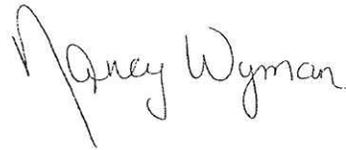
However, the ability to effectively study the feasibility of a Basic Health Program is limited due to the lack of federal guidance. Without timely federal guidance, it is not possible to provide meaningful estimates of the impact on eligible consumers, the State of Connecticut, and our Health Insurance Exchange. Therefore, I am requesting that federal guidance on the Basic Health Program be issued by your office as soon as possible.

I look forward to working with your office as Connecticut moves forward with our efforts to improve health care and health care systems in the state.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor



Nancy Wyman  
Lieutenant Governor

cc: Benjamin Barnes, Secretary, Office of Policy and Management  
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