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The Honorable Maggie Hassan
Governor of New Hampshire
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Hassan:

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, in 2014, Americans will have access to new marketplaces that will provide high quality insurance choices. Additionally, the law provides states with the authority to expand their Medicaid programs up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level. Starting in 2014, all of the costs of covering newly eligible adults will be paid for by the federal government for the first three years and the federal government will cover at least 90 percent of these costs in the years thereafter. CMS encourages all states to fully expand their Medicaid programs and take advantage of the generous federal matching funds to cover more of their residents. As we have previously indicated, there is no deadline for you to tell CMS your plans on the Medicaid eligibility expansion. Should New Hampshire choose to expand Medicaid coverage, the state may drop that expanded coverage at any time, without financial penalty from the federal government.

I look forward to working with you toward our ultimate goal of ensuring that every American has access to affordable, high quality health care. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Mann".

Cindy Mann
Director

cc: Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Boston Regional Office