



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

April 1, 2013

The Honorable Mike Beebe
Governor
State of Arkansas
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Beebe:

On behalf of the Administration, I would like to express our interest in the innovative approach to further expanding access to health insurance coverage through plans participating in the Health Insurance Marketplace that Arkansas is considering, which you submitted to us in a memo on March 13.

Recognizing the decisions facing your General Assembly and the impact on your health insurance Marketplace, let me assure you that we will work with you on this innovative approach for Arkansas. To that end, on Friday I released additional guidance I hope will help inform states like Arkansas as you work to finalize your plan. The concept in the memo appears to be generally consistent with the requirements of the Medicaid statute; we look forward to reviewing your demonstration proposal.

Thank you for your continuing leadership in extending coverage for low-income residents of Arkansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Sebelius". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen Sebelius