



December 28, 2011

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

RE: Pennsylvania's Application for *Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State-Operated Health Insurance Exchanges*
CFDA#93.525, FOA: IE-HBE-11-004 (Level I)

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

Attached please find the Pennsylvania Insurance Department's application for Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State-Operated Health Insurance Exchanges (Level I). Franca M. D'Agostino will serve as the Project Director for the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange project should Pennsylvania receive the award. Franca may be reached via telephone at 717-787-0873 or via email at fdagostino@pa.gov.

Pennsylvania is committed to pursuing development of a state-based exchange that is tailored to the unique needs of our state. The activities outlined in this grant proposal will allow Pennsylvania to continue its analysis and begin to determine the most appropriate way to develop an exchange that will best meet the specific needs of our citizens.

Thank you for considering Pennsylvania's grant application and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Franca M. D'Agostino". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Franca M. D'Agostino
Pennsylvania Insurance Department
Director of Special Projects