

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 20, 2012

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

We continue to conduct oversight of your department's implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).<sup>1</sup> Although it has been nearly three years since the passage of PPACA, it remains unclear how the Administration plans to administer key aspects of the law, particularly the design, management, and implementation of the federally-facilitated health insurance exchanges (federal exchanges) and the federal-state partnership exchanges. We are writing to request your cooperation with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's and the Committee on Finance's oversight efforts.

With only 18 states and the District of Columbia indicating that they intend to establish health insurance exchanges so far,<sup>2</sup> it is clear that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will play a large role in creating and administering federal exchanges and partnership exchanges.<sup>3</sup> Since the contractors chosen by HHS to administer the federal exchanges, the partnership exchanges and the associated federal data services hub will have access to tremendous amounts of sensitive and valuable information, we want to ensure that HHS selects and expends funds on contractors in the best interest of federal taxpayers and health insurance consumers.

To assist the Committees in their oversight efforts, please provide a complete list of all contractors and subcontractors selected by HHS to build or provide support services to the federal exchanges and the federal data hub, including but not limited to the specific cost of each contract, the source of each contract's funding, the date each contract was awarded, and the appropriate contact information for each company by January 4, 2013.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and may at "any time" investigate "any matter" as set forth in House Rule X. An attachment to this letter provides additional information about responding to the Committee's request.

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<sup>1</sup> PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OF 2010, PUB. LAW 111-148.

<sup>2</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, *FOCUS on Health Reform: Establishing Health Insurance Exchanges: An Overview of State Efforts* (Nov. 2012), available at <http://www.kff.org/healthreform/upload/8213-2.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Alexander Bolton, *Conflict-of-interest concerns raised as Obama races to implement health reform*, THE HILL (Nov. 3, 2012).

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If you have any questions about this request, please contact Brian Blase or Katelyn Christ of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform staff at (202) 225-5074 or Kim Brandt of the Committee on Finance staff at (202) 224-4515. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and  
Government Reform



Orrin G. Hatch  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Finance

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Elijah Cummings, Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform