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SUBJECT: Health and Human Services Announces HealthPathWashington Approval

We are pleased to share the news that Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced Washington State has been selected to become the second state to partner with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to initiate HealthPathWashington's dual-eligible proposal. A joint memorandum of understanding was signed late Wednesday.

Over the past 16 months, our agencies and HealthPathWashington stakeholders have collaborated to design a plan to improve the coordination of care for our states highest need Medicare-Medicaid beneficiaries.

Today we are writing to express our appreciation and recognize staff members who have helped the state of Washington successfully reach this important milestone in health care reform. The attentive and necessary work you have provided has allowed for the opportunity to continue negotiations with CMS to implement Health Homes. We would also like to add a special acknowledgement to our organization's pioneers who have tested effective and evidence-based interventions for chronic care management that are the foundation of Washington's Health Home intervention.

Our goals are well set: To improve health outcomes, better coordinate care and reduce avoidable health care costs for individuals who rely on both Medicare and Medicaid. Thank you for your teamwork and commitment to improve the integrated delivery of services for Washington State citizens.

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