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Ralph Northam  
Governor  
Office of the Governor  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor Northam:

Thank you for your letter regarding Virginia's intent to operate a State-based Exchange on the Federal Platform (SBE-FP) for the Plan Year 2021 open enrollment period. We recognize this means Virginia will no longer operate as a Federally-facilitated Exchange (FFE) and will complete all SBE-FP requirements, as outlined in your Blueprint Application.

CMS will continue to provide technical assistance to Virginia during this transition, as Virginia continues to build toward being able to carry out all required functions of an SBE-FP. Through this letter, we acknowledge Virginia will have the capability to perform consumer assistance, plan management, and related SBE-FP responsibilities beginning with this upcoming open enrollment period.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy Pate".

Randy Pate  
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