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Dear Ms. Cuzzo:

This letter is to formally notify CMS that New York has selected the largest small group plan in the state, Oxford EPO (Product ID 85629NY001), as the benchmark plan for 2017. This benchmark plan is already ACA compliant and, therefore, does not require any supplementation. Attached with the electronic copy of this letter are files that contain the certificate of coverage, schedule of benefits, and formulary for this product.

We understand HHS intends to release state-specific benchmark plan selections as part of a federal Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that will provide another opportunity for public comment. We look forward to continuing to work with you throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Frescatore".

Donna Frescatore
Executive Director
NY State of Health

cc: Josh Holizna, CMS
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