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**To: The Board of Directors, Connect for Health Colorado**

**From: Connect for Health Colorado Staff**

**Date: July 07, 2014**

**Re: Comment on Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Annual Eligibility Redeterminations for Exchange Participation and Insurance Affordability Programs; Health Insurance Issuer Standards Under the Affordable Care Act, Including Standards Related to Exchanges**

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Connect for Health Colorado, the state-based health insurance marketplace for Colorado, greatly appreciates the opportunity provided by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to comment on the proposed “Annual Eligibility Redeterminations for Exchange Participation and Insurance Affordability Programs.”

This proposed rule would provide Exchanges additional options for annual eligibility redeterminations and renewals for plan year 2015. Connect for Health Colorado supports the flexibility given under §155.335(a), to allow an Exchange to choose one of three methods for conducting annual redeterminations. Connect for Health Colorado supports and has formulated a state-specific approach that would allow an Exchange and its carriers the flexibility to provide a single, coordinated open enrollment and renewal notice to customers. In the implementation of this state specific approach, Colorado requests flexibility pertaining to the use of the Federal redetermination service that will not be available until October or flexibility in the timing of the use of the Federal redetermination service.

Finalizing §155.335(a) as proposed would allow states to define a tailored approach to implement a pathway to retain coverage for Coloradans that can be accomplished by the next open enrollment period. Connect for Health Colorado looks forward to working closely with CMS by using the proposed regulation to create an annual redetermination and renewal procedure that uniquely fits the needs of Coloradans.