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Extension of Non-Compliant Plans For Two Years

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Hi Katherine/Peg/Commissioner Salazar:

I have polled our members for initial feedback on the latest Obama administration announcement on the extension of non-compliant plans.

While some of our carriers have higher flagpoles to run things up than others, there seems to be broad agreement that the state and the exchange should not continue non-compliant plans. As we said last fall, to do so would destabilize the risk pools and it only defers the ultimate issue. And, to do so could leave some consumers with inadequate coverage. In other words "stay the course".

AHIP released the following statement last night:

"Health plans are committed to helping consumers get the high-quality, affordable coverage they need. There is broad agreement that if more young and healthy individuals choose not to participate in the new marketplaces, it could lead higher premiums for those consumers that remain in the exchanges. That is why it is crucial that sufficient steps be taken to stabilize the market, and we are currently reviewing the new changes to the premium stabilization programs to assess their impact on affordability for consumers."

I would say that statement accurately reflects the general feeling of our membership at this time. I'll keep you posted if I should hear more, and as always, happy to work with you in any way we might be of assistance,

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Thank you Ben. We will let you know when we make our decision. I also appreciated your three pieces of advice which essentially said to take a deep breath.

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