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Addendum No. 1 to Alaska 1332 Innovation Waiver Application

The Alaska Division of Insurance seeks to waive provision 1301(a) of the Affordable Care Act.

Section 1301(a)

(2) INCLUSION OF CO-OP PLANS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION.— Any reference in this title to a qualified health plan shall be deemed to include a qualified health plan offered through the CO-OP program under section 1322 or a community health insurance option under section 1323, unless specifically provided for otherwise.

Rationale: CMS offered informal guidance to the division on December 5th, requesting the division include a waivable item for consideration of a 1332 Innovation waiver. The division requests to waive a provision of Section 1301 (a) as there are not any CO-OPs in the state, nor are there likely to be any in the foreseeable future. Waiver of Section 1301 (a) will not require an additional actuarial or economic study. In essence, waiving this provision of Section 1301(a) will not have any impact on the Alaska individual or small group markets. Alaska's hope is that this addendum will expedite the federal review process.

Anticipated impact: The state does not currently have a CO-OP, so waiver of this provision will not affect the Alaska individual market. Performance of CO-OPs across the US has been abysmal, and it is unlikely that a CO-OP would seek to enter the Alaska individual healthcare market. Waiving this item will have no impact on the baseline or waiver scenarios. It is not anticipated that waiving this item will have any impact on the federal deficit, comparability, affordability or comprehensiveness of the Affordable Care Act.

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Lori Wing-Heier
Director, Alaska Division of Insurance

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Date