



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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January 24, 2017

Mr. Norris Cochran
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Cochran:

I would like to request that Minnesota be allowed to extend the 2017 open enrollment deadline from January 31, 2017 to February 28, 2017. Given the challenges we have faced in the individual market, Minnesotans would benefit from this extra time to find and enroll in health coverage that best meets their needs.

Due to the urgency of this request, I would greatly appreciate a written response at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor

cc: U.S. Senator Al Franken
U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar
Congressman Keith Ellison
Congressman Tom Emmer
Congresswoman Betty McCollum
Congressman Rick Nolan
Congressman John Kline
Congressman Erik Paulsen
Congressman Collin Peterson
Congressman Jason Lewis
Senator Jim Abeler
Senator Michelle Benson