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**Re: Health Alliance Medical Plans, Inc.'s Plan Year 2017 Qualified Health Plan Filings**

Dear Mrs. Grindal-Miller:

On October 13, 2016, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) / Center of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) notified the Department that it believed the Qualified Health Plan (QHP) rate filings of Health Alliance Medical Plans, Inc. (Company) contained unauthorized rate increases. The Department's records do not support such a finding, but rather reflect that the Company's filing submissions were previously authorized by and filed in a timely manner with the Department and CMS/CCIIO. Unfortunately, without further discussion, CMS/CCIIO decided not to display the Company's QHPs during the Window Shopping period available on Healthcare.gov. The Department respectfully requests CMS/CCIIO to reconsider its decision to withhold the Company's QHPs for viewing during the Window Shopping period. Making all QHPs available for viewing during the Window Shopping period will enable consumers to make an informed coverage choice during open enrollment. The Department remains available to discuss the Company's QHP rate filings.

Despite withholding the Company's QHPs for viewing during the Window Shopping period, CMS/CCIIO has assured the Department that the QHPs will be available for purchase on the Marketplace on November 1, 2016. If this understanding is incorrect, please advise the Department as soon as possible. The Department has appreciated working collaboratively with CMS/CCIIO during the review of QHP filings for Plan Year 2017 and look forward to continuing work in a collaborative spirit.

Sincerely,

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