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Dear Mr. Huff:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Burwell regarding data collection for the State Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership Program (Partnership). The Secretary asked me to respond to you.

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) expanded the Partnership Program nationwide, and directed the Secretary to “develop recommendations [that would enable] Congress to authorize and fund a uniform minimum data set to be reported electronically by all issuers of long-term care insurance policies...” (42 U.S.C. 1396p(b)(1)(C)(iii)(VI)). Final reporting requirements were published in the Federal Register December 18, 2008 (State Long-Term Care Partnership Program: Reporting Requirements for Insurers).

Congress provided \$1,000,000 from 2006 to 2010 to fund the development of the Partnership’s data reporting system and collection of data from the insurers. Data were collected from 2009 to 2012. However, since that time, Congress has not appropriated funds to support the data collection. Because of the lack of funding and the fact that these data are not used by HHS to determine asset disregard levels or Medicaid eligibility, we discontinued data collection on September 30, 2013.

If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,

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