America's Health Insurance Plans

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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius Secretary U.S. Department of Health & Human Services 200 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

Health plans recognize the significant hardship that a family faces when they are unable to obtain coverage for a child with a pre-existing condition. That is why health plans in 2008 proposed reforms to make pre-existing condition exclusions a thing of the past.

With respect to the provisions related to coverage for children, we await and will fully comply with regulations consistent with the principles described in your letter.

We look forward to working with you on implementation and to minimize disruption for the 200 million people we serve.

Sincerely,

Karen Ignagni