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### #1

### 6/27/22

#### Hello sir,

see the attached folder regarding strongly supporting Washington State's effort to secure the federal flexibility needed to achieve this goal and respectfully ask that you expeditiously review and approve Washington's 1332 waiver application.

MM Mental health clinician and Therapist Kent, WA 98030 Iraqi Arab Health Board

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Economic Opportunity Institute appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Washington State's Section 1332 Waiver Application (waiver). We write in **strong support of the waiver** as one of the most promising opportunities to expand health coverage for Washington State residents since the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

Please receive our letter, attached.

Best, SH Senior Policy Associate **Economic Opportunity Institute** 

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Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Director of Government Affairs

Washington Association for Community Health

101 Capitol Way North, Suite 200, Olympia, WA 98501

We acknowledge that the Association offices in Olympia occupy the traditional village sites of the Steh-Chass People of the Squaxin Island Tribe

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#309 7/2/22 July 2, 2022

#### The Honorable Xavier Becerra

Secretary of Health and Human Services Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20201

### The Honorable Janet Yellen

Secretary of the Treasury Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20220

#### Re: Tri-Cities Immigrant Coalition Support for Washington's 1332 Waiver Application

Dear Secretary Yellen and Secretary Becerra:

Tri-Cities Immigrant Coalition (TCIC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Washington State's Section 1332 Waiver Application (waiver). We write in **strong support of the waiver** as one of the most promising opportunities to expand health coverage for Washington State residents since the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

TCIC is composed of a diverse group of people from all faiths, professions, and walks of life who came together in 2017 with the goal of assisting immigrants and refugees in the Tri-Cities Washington State area. TCIC is a volunteer non-partisan community group working to build trust and understanding within our community about immigration issues. We are a non-profit 501.c.3 community group. We believe every immigrant and refugee has inherent dignity and human rights. They should be able to live safely, live without fear, and have access to basic necessities and opportunities.

In Washington State today, many immigrants go without critical health care because they are structurally excluded from affordable health coverage. Over 100,000 of Washington's immigrant residents lack insurance today due to this systemic inequity. Left with no recourse, many of these community members currently forego needed care until it becomes an emergency. As you know, without insurance, people are more likely to have poor health status, be hospitalized for preventable conditions and acute illnesses, and die prematurely.

We strongly support Washington's proposed waiver because it offers a pathway to a healthier future:

- The waiver would allow Washington State to remove federal barriers to health coverage, offering all Washington residents the same opportunity to purchase Qualified Health Plans and Qualified Dental Plans.
- The waiver would also permit Washington State to invest state funds toward more affordable coverage for low-income residents, with no impact to the federal deficit.

- The waiver would improve health equity, addressing one of the root causes of the disproportionate uninsurance rates and poorer health outcomes many of Washington's communities of color face today.
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We urge you to approve the waiver rapidly this summer. Washington's waiver aligns with the stated goal of Affordable Care Act Section 1332, "to pursue innovative strategies for providing residents with access to high quality, affordable health insurance while retaining the basic protections of the ACA." As demonstrated in the application, the waiver satisfies Section 1332's guardrails while proposing an innovative state solution to expand coverage. This is particularly crucial and time-sensitive now, as long-standing inequities have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Immigrants and communities of color are disproportionately contracting, hospitalized for, and dying from COVID-19. Washington residents cannot wait for coverage any longer.

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TCIC has long recognized that access to affordable healthcare has been one of the number one detergents to the success of immigrants in our community.

Through the waiver and other state policy solutions, Washington will make significant progress toward meeting the basic health care needs of all Washingtonians, which will make every community healthier and our national economy stronger. We strongly support Washington State's effort to secure the federal flexibility needed to achieve this goal and respectfully ask that you expeditiously review and approve Washington's 1332 waiver application.

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### 6/30/22

The Tri-Cities Immigrant Coalition (TCIC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Washington State's draft Section 1332 Waiver Application (waiver). Health care is an emergency situation for so many of our immigrants. The Tri-Cities Immigrant Coalition (TCIC) is a non partisan community based group working to build trust and understand within our community about the issues facing our Tri-Cities immigrants. We focus on community education, engagement, advocacy and immigrant support services. Health care continues to be a paramount need for our immigrants. We write in strong support of the waiver as one of the most promising opportunities to expand health coverage for Washington residents since the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

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Please feel free to contact us with any questions or needed information.

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## #310 7/2/22

Please take action on health service for immigrants whether documented or not This action will enable people to keep working or going to school and will save money and relieve pressure on emergency rooms to care for these people who are now unable to pay

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#### ES Richland WA 99352

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Good Morning –
Attached is a letter from the Commission on Hispanic Affairs in Washington State.
Thank you!
CT
Operations and Special Projects Manager
Commission on Hispanic Affairs | Comisión de Asuntos Hispanos

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The Rev. Dr. PM

## St. Paul's/Resurrección Episcopal Churches

Mount Vernon, WA 98274

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## #329 7/5/22

July 5, 2022

The Honorable Xavier Becerra Secretary of Health and Human Services Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20201

The Honorable Janet Yellen Secretary of the Treasury Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20220

Submitted via email: <u>stateinnovationwaivers@cms.hhs.gov</u> Re: Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates (JCIRA) Support for Washington's 1332 Waiver Application Dear Secretary Yellen and Secretary Becerra:

JCIRA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Washington State's Section 1332 Waiver Application (waiver). We write in **strong support of the waiver** as one of the most promising opportunities to improve health coverage for Washington State residents since the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

Our organization strives to meet the needs of the immigrant community living in Jefferson County. Too often members of this community have no access to healthcare. We have a fund that can provide some financial assistance for healthcare and other needs of immigrant families in our county, but we know it can never go far enough.

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If this waiver is granted, JCIRA will do its best to inform the Jefferson County immigrant community of the opportunity to access healthcare through Qualified Health Plans and Qualified Dental Plans in Washington.

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Please contact RL at [XXX] with any questions.

Sincerely, RL **Board Member** Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates #330 7/5/22 Good afternoon, Please find attached the Washington State Medical Association's comment in support of Washington State's Section 1332 waiver application. If you have any questions or require additional information, please reach out to me at [XXX]. Thanks, AW Associate Director of Legislative & Political Affairs Washington State Medical Association (WSMA) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ #331 7/5/22

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### 7/6/22

Good morning,

EO, Executive Director of El Centro de la Raza, is showing support for the Health Equity for Immigrants Campaign. Please see attached her Letter of Support for Washington's 1332 Waiver Application. Thank you for your consideration and have a great day!

Atentamente, MP Executive Assistant

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**El Centro de la Raza** Main Office: Seattle, WA 98144 Federal Way: Federal Way, WA 98003

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#### #341 7/7/22

We respectfully submit the attached letter to Secretaries Becerra and Yellen regarding New Jersey Citizen Action's Support for Washington States's 1332 Waiver Application. Thank you for your consideration.

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LW Health Care Program Director New Jersey Citizen Action

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Sincerely,

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### #343

7/7/22

Hello,

I have attached Better Health Together's public comment for Washington's Section 1332 Waiver application. Please let me know if there are any issues accessing the file. Thank you,

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VC, MPH Senior Navigator Program Manager Better Health Together

# #344

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# 7/11/22

Please accept this letter on behalf of OneAmerica and our membership commenting on the health care waiver.

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Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmly, RN, MSW / Executive Director **OneAmerica** |Seattle, WA 98144

### #352 7/11/22

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the Kitsap Public Health District in Bremerton, Washington, I am writing to voice our support of Washington State's application for a 1332 waiver. The waiver will enable all Washingtonians, regardless of immigration status, to be able to purchase health insurance coverage through Washington Healthplanfinder and allow all qualifying low-income residents to benefit from Cascade Care Savings, Washington State's new assistance program.

This waiver will help increase Washingtonians' access to health insurance, which can, in turn:

• increase the chance for more people to have positive health outcomes. According to Healthy People 2030, having health insurance "is associated with improved access to health services and better health monitoring" and is "critical for enabling children with special health needs or chronic illnesses to access health services." Not having health insurance reduces the likelihood of adults and children receiving preventative services and treatment for conditions. In 2019, three in 10 uninsured adults went

without needed medical care due to cost (Kaiser Family Foundation, 2020). Even with the passing of the Affordable Care Act, many uninsured individuals say they lack insurance coverage due to its high cost. In 2019, uninsured nonelderly adults were over twice as likely as those with private coverage to have had problems paying medical bills in the past 12 months ((Kaiser Family Foundation)

• promote equity. Families with low incomes and people of color are more likely to be uninsured (Kaiser Family Foundation, 2020). These populations already experience long-standing health and economic disparities, which were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic (U.S. Health and Human Services, 2021). In 2020, among the nonelderly population, 26% of lawfully present immigrants and 42% of undocumented immigrants were uninsured compared to 8% of American citizens (Kaiser Family Foundation, 2022). Everyone in Washington State, regardless of their income, race, immigration status, or other factors should have a fair opportunity to thrive and be healthy. Increasing access to health insurance can help.

In your strategic plan, you state that CMS "serves the public as a trusted partner and steward, dedicated to advancing health equity, expanding coverage, and improving health outcomes." Approving Washington State's 1332 waiver application will help CMS continue to fulfill this goal.

Sincerely, GM, MD, MPH | Health Officer **Kitsap Public Health District** Bremerton, WA 98337

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Sincerely, LSW

#354 7/11/22 Secretary Becerra and Yellen, Please find attached Firelands Workers Action/Acción de Trabajadores' letter of support for Washington State's application for 1332 waiver. Thank you, --LSW, J.D., Esq. Policy and Partnerships Manager/Gerente de Politicas y Alianzas Firelands Workers Action/Acción de Trabajadore Working people fighting for rural and small town WA. Trabajadores luchando por los pueblos rurales de WA.

#### #355 7/12/22

Dear Secretary Becerra and Secretary Yellen,

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Sincerely,

LRS

# #356

**7/12/22** Dear Secretary Becerra and Secretary Yellen:

The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Washington State's Section 1332 Waiver Application (waiver). We write in **strong support of the waiver** 

as an important opportunity to improve health coverage for Washington State residents and improve health equity. Please find our full comments in the attached document. Please contact JZ at [XXX] with any questions.

Best, JZ Policy Analyst, Income and Work Supports **CLASP**, Washington, DC 20005

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### #357

### 7/12/22

Attached, please find comments from the American Medical Association in support of Washington's 1332 Innovation State Waiver application. We appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments, and please let us know if you have any questions.

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EC Senior Attorney American Medical Association

### #358

#### 7/12/22

Dear Secretary Becerra and Yellen,

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Washington State's Section 1332 Waiver Application. We write in strong support of the waiver as one of the most promising opportunities to expand health coverage for Washington residents since the passage of the Affordable Care Act. Please find the full letter attached.

Hello,

Community Health Plan of Washington/Community Health Network of Washington (CHPW/CHNW) public comment on the Washington State Section 1332 waiver is attached. CHPW and CHNW strongly support this Section 1332 Waiver as a means to increase access to affordable coverage for all Washingtonians.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Director, Public Policy **Community Health Plan of Washington/Community Health Network of Washington** Serving Washington communities for over 25 years. CHPW/CHNW acknowledges our work is on *tribal lands*.

# #360

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Hello,

I'm writing on behalf of Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates – Washington to submit the attached comments in support of the Washington state Health Benefit Exchange's 1332 waiver application. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Best, LE Public Policy Analyst Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates Serving AK, HI, ID, IN, KY, and WA Seattle, WA 98122

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Sincerely, SS

#363 7/13/22 Good morning,

Please find attached comments in support of Washington State's application for a waiver under Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act.

Please contact me or SG, Vice President of Immigration Policy for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, at [XXX], if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this innovative waiver application.

Secretary Becerra and Secretary Yellen:

Please accept the attached letter supporting Washington State's Section 1332 Waiver Application on behalf of Northwest Health Law Advocates. We write in strong support of the waiver as one of the most promising opportunities to improve health coverage for Washington residents since the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

Thank you for your consideration, LCPL	
Policy Analyst	
Northwest Health Law Advocates	
#365	

#### #305 7/13/22

Hello,

Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood is pleased to submit this letter supporting Washington State's Innovation Waiver application for health access for immigrants in our state.

# 7/13/22

Please find supportive comments from Families USA attached. Thank you! CFP Director of Access Initiatives Families USA

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### #367

7/13/22

Good afternoon,

Attached, please find our letter in support of Washington's 1332 Waiver Application. Please let me know if you have any trouble with the attachment.

Best, KC Legal Director Legal Voice

# **#368 7/13/22** To whom it may concern:

Farmworker Justice (FJ) submits the attached comments in support of Washington State's Section 1332 waiver application.

Please contact me at [XXX] for more information.

Sincerely, AG Director of Health Policy and Programs Farmworker Justice Washington, DC 20036

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Sincerely,

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#370 7/13/22

Folks at CMS --

On behalf of SEIU 1199NW, please find the attached letter of support from our union for WA State's 1332 Waiver Application.

Appreciate the opportunity to comment on this application.

DA Advocacy & Political Action Specialist

SEIU Healthcare 1199NW

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### #371

7/13/22To Secretaries Becerra and Yellen:Please see our attached letter of support for Washington state's 1332 waiver application.

Sincerely, AT *Family Services Director* **Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center** Bremerton, WA 98337

### #372 7/13/22

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter on behalf of AFT Washington regarding the 1332 Waiver. Please reach out with any questions to HP, Government Relations Specialist, at [XXX].

Thank you, LP Administrative Support Specialist **AFT Washington, AFL-CIO** 

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# #374

# 7/13/22

Hello, please find our organization's support letter for Washington's 1332 waiver application attached.

Sincerely,

# JSL

ACRS Policy Manager Asian Counseling and Referral Service Seattle, WA 98144

# #375

# 7/13/22

Please find attached a comment letter in support of Washington state's Section 1332 Waiver application.

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Thank you, JM Director, Public Affairs & Government Relations CAMBIA HEALTH SOLUTIONS **Regence BlueShield** 

# #376

7/13/22

Dear Secretary Becerra and Secretary Yellen:

Attached is a letter in electronic format (pdf) from **King County Executive Dow Constantine, Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell, and members of the King County Council and Seattle City Council** in support of Washington State's draft Section 1332 Waiver Application. Thank you very much. JB

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Communications Specialist

for King County Executive Dow Constantine

# #377

# 7/13/22

Please see attached the National Immigration Law Center's letter in support of Washington's ACA Section 1332 waiver proposal.

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GL Senior Policy Attorney National Immigration Law Center

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# #378

## 7/14/22

On behalf of Community Catalyst, please find attached our organization's comments in support of Washington State's Section 1332 waiver application.

Thank you, CR Senior Advisor, Oral Health Policy

### **Community Catalyst**

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# #379

# 7/14/22

Please find attached Kaiser Permanente's comments on Washington's ACA Section 1332 waiver application. Thank you for your consideration, and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

JF Senior Counsel, Government Relations Kaiser Permanente Government Relations

# #380

# 7/14/22

Attached are comments from UnidosUS expressing our strong support for this waiver proposal. Thanks so much for the opportunity to share our views. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

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All the best, SD | Director | Health Policy Project **UnidosUS** 

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# #382

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Please see attached letter from the Shriver Center on Poverty Law in strong support of Washington State's Section 1332 Waiver Application.

best, AK Senior Attorney, Healthcare Justice **Shriver Center on Poverty Law** For economic and racial justice Chicago, IL 60603

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Please see the attached comments from the AFL-CIO in support of Washington State's section 1332 waiver to allow any resident to purchase Qualified Health Plans and access the state's new Cascade Care Savings program, regardless of immigration status.

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Sincerely, LG **AFL-CIO** Washington, DC 20006

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To whom this may concern,

Please find the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network's (WAISN) letter of support for this action.

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Thank you. Best, SW, Policy Director Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network

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**7/14/22** Good afternoon,

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact EH at [XXX] with any questions regarding our comments.

Best regards, RB Policy Manager **United States of Care** 

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Thank you,

--LA, MS Policy & Advocacy Administrator INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES (ICHS) International District Medical & Dental Clinic - Administration Seattle, Washington 98104

#### #400

#### 7/14/22

Hello,

Please see attached our health partners' comments on the proposed Washington Section 1332 Waiver. Thank you,

JL National Specialist | Health Policy American Lung Association Washington, D.C. 20004

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<u>Kitsap Equity, Race, And Community Engagement Coalition</u> is part of a local legacy of people-powered change, of years of Black, Indigenous, People Of Color (BIPOC), and allies engaging neighbors in the hard work, the heart work, the collective work of building beloved community.

We believe the Section 1332 Waiver is an important step to further expand access to care, particularly among communities who have been historically excluded from obtaining affordable and comprehensive coverage. Washington is home to over 100,000 uninsured immigrants who are integral members of our communities but who are ineligible for Medicaid or QHPs because of their immigration status.

Through the waiver and other state policy solutions, Washington state will make significant progress towards meeting the basic health care needs of all Washingtonians, which will make every community healthier as we work toward meaningful institutional change.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment. Kitsap ERACE Coalition's Health Systems Team strongly supports the Section 1332 Waiver as a means to advance access to affordable coverage for all Washingtonians.

Sincerely, SS & PL Co-Leads, Health Systems Team **Kitsap ERACE Coalition** 

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Please accept the attached letter on behalf of 92 organizations across the United States supporting Washington State's Section 1332 Waiver Application. We write in strong support of Washington's waiver as one of the most promising opportunities to improve health coverage for Washington residents since the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

Thank you for your consideration, LCPL Policy Analyst Northwest Health Law Advocates

# #412

**7/14/22** Hello –

Please see the attached letter signed by over 50 legislators in Washington, who are all in support of Washington's 1332 Waiver. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely, NM State Representative, 43rd District, Seattle

### **#413 7/14/22** Good Afternoon,

Please find attached ACLU of Washington's comments in support of Washington State's 1332 waiver application. Please advise of any questions.

Thank you, LR Health Care & Liberty Counsel **ACLU of Washington** 

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# **7/14/22** Dear Sir or Madam,

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CCD is the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for Federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society free from racism, ableism, sexism, and xenophobia, as well as LGBTQ+ based discrimination and religious intolerance.

Please contact me if there are any questions.

Thank you, DM Sr. Policy Analyst **National Health Law Program** Washington, DC 20005

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#### #421

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Best, JG Public Policy Manager Northwest Harvest ------

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#### #424

#### 7/14/22

Please find attached the Washington State Hospital Association's comments in support of Washington State's 1332 waiver application.

Best regards, AS, JD, MPH Senior Director, Government Affairs **Washington State Hospital Association** Seattle, WA 98104

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Sincerely, MT

*Note: The following comments were received after the federal public comment period closed on July 14, 2022.* 

### #426 7/17/22

The Honorable Xavier Becerra Secretary of Health and Human Services Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20201

The Honorable Janet Yellen Secretary of the Treasury Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20220

### Submitted via email: <u>stateinnovationwaivers@cms.hhs.gov</u> Re: Seattle Labor Chorus Support for Washington's 1332 Waiver Application

Dear Secretary Becerra and Secretary Yellen:

The Seattle Labor Chorus appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Washington State's Section 1332 Waiver Application (waiver). We write in **strong support of the waiver** as one of the most promising opportunities to improve health coverage for Washington State residents since the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

The Seattle Labor Chorus is a community chorus in Seattle. We support the rights of working people and making sure all workers, including immigrants, have health equity and access to healthcare is certainly part of that mission.

### We strongly support Washington's proposed waiver because it offers a pathway to a healthier future:

- The waiver would improve health equity, addressing one of the root causes of the disproportionate uninsurance rates and poorer health outcomes many of Washington's communities of color face today.
- The waiver would allow Washington State to remove federal barriers to health coverage, offering all Washington residents the same opportunity to purchase Qualified Health Plans and Qualified Dental Plans.
- The waiver would also permit Washington State to invest state funds toward more affordable coverage for low-income residents, with no impact to the federal deficit.
- The waiver would improve the broader individual insurance market by lowering premiums and reducing application barriers that prevent families from applying for coverage together.

**In Washington State today, many immigrants go without critical health care** because they are structurally excluded from affordable health coverage. Over 100,000 of Washington's immigrant

residents lack insurance today due to this systemic inequity. Left with no recourse, many of these community members currently forego needed care until it becomes an emergency. As you know, without insurance, people are more likely to have poor health status, be hospitalized for preventable conditions and acute illnesses, and die prematurely.

We urge you to approve the waiver rapidly this summer. Washington's waiver aligns with the stated goal of Affordable Care Act Section 1332, "to pursue innovative strategies for providing residents with access to high quality, affordable health insurance while retaining the basic protections of the ACA." As demonstrated in the application, the waiver satisfies Section 1332's guardrails while proposing an innovative state solution to increase coverage. This is particularly crucial and time-sensitive now, as long-standing inequities have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Immigrants and communities of color are disproportionately contracting, hospitalized for, and dying from COVID-19. Washington residents cannot wait for coverage any longer.

We applaud the waiver's privacy assurances. The waiver application recognizes the importance of privacy to Washington residents who may seek coverage under the waiver. The waiver proposes to maintain state program integrity standards while safeguarding the privacy of individual Washington residents. The waiver appropriately specifies that individual information about applicants and enrollees covered via the waiver will not be shared with the federal government. We look forward to federal confirmation of this assurance.

Through the waiver and other state policy solutions, Washington will make significant progress toward meeting the basic health care needs of all Washingtonians, which will make every community healthier and our national economy stronger. We strongly support Washington State's effort to secure the federal flexibility needed to achieve this goal and respectfully ask that you expeditiously review and approve Washington's 1332 waiver application.

Please contact me at: [XXX]

Sincerely, TAP, Co-Chair of the Seattle Labor Chorus Coordinating Committee

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**#427 7/20/22** July 20, 2022

The Honorable Xavier Becerra Secretary of Health and Human Services Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20201

The Honorable Janet Yellen Secretary of the Treasury Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20220 Dear Secretary Becerra & Secretary Yellen,

We write in strong support of Washington's Section 1332 State Innovation Waiver application. The approval of this 1332 waiver will create a pathway for thousands of currently uninsured Washington residents to purchase health coverage through Washington's state-based marketplace. This waiver is also projected to generate premium savings for all Washington residents on the individual market and save the federal government money for each year the waiver is in effect.

Over 100,000 uninsured Washington residents are unable to purchase coverage through the state-based marketplace, *Washington Healthplanfinder*, due to federal restrictions. Washington's waiver will eliminate this restriction, an action which is broadly supported at the state level and will advance efforts the state legislature has taken to help ensure all Washingtonians can obtain high-quality health coverage. By decreasing the number of uninsured, addressing health disparities, strengthening the individual market, and improving health care affordability, this waiver also takes an important step forward in addressing health equity.

In granting the waiver and expanding coverage to Washington residents currently ineligible, actuarial modeling predicts premium savings for all Washington residents who obtain coverage on *Washington Healthplanfinder*, including current customers. Expanding health coverage is projected to save the federal government money each year the waiver is in effect. These savings will be used to further improve affordability for low-income Exchange customers not receiving any federal subsidies.

We believe Washington's Section 1332 Waiver will meaningfully improve access to affordable coverage for Washingtonians and reduce costs, consistent with the law and the Administration's commitment to expanding health coverage. We urge timely consideration of this application. Please feel free to reach out to our offices with any questions.

Sincerely, Adam Smith Member of Congress

Patty Murray U.S. Senator

Pramila Jayapal Member of Congress

Rick Larsen Member of Congress

Derek Kilmer Member of Congress

Marilyn Strickland Member of Congress

Suzan DelBene Member of Congress