



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
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**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

The Honorable Alex Azar  
Secretary  
United States Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

The Honorable Seema Verma  
Administrator  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Secretary Azar and Administrator,

As states continue to act and find innovative solutions to help our citizens combat the COVID-19 outbreak, I ask that the United States Department of Health and Human Services allow for a special open-enrollment period for a 60-90-day period.

This action would allow individuals, especially those who are potentially most at-risk for COVID-19 to access affordable health care coverage through the federally facilitated individual insurance market place. Individuals who believe they are demonstrating symptoms of the virus will have greater confidence to get tested, seek treatment and guard against further spread if they know they have a health care plan that will cover them.

We have taken proactive steps to ensure Granite Staters are safe, healthy, and have access to health care. Earlier this month, my administration directed insurance companies to provide testing for COVID-19 without cost-sharing.

In light of this outbreak, we must take every opportunity possible to expand health care options and coverage. As such, allowing for a special open-enrollment period is a simple step that increases access to quality, affordable healthcare at a time when it is critically needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor