

EXHIBIT V

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Subject: RE: a gut check

From my seat, that is probably reasonable...unfortunately, is offering an alternative time period somehow going to signal an acquiescence to the idea of the SMAs taking this on? Maybe suggest giving the Secretary 4 years to do assessment and build capacity??

Thanks so much for everything, Jill! You really are fantastic to work with!

Mary

From: Gotts, Jill M. (CMS/OL)
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I know that we had raised the concern about the 2-year deadline that states have to build the direct care workforce capacity for CLASS enrollees. While it is clear that we think that the provision is flawed (and perhaps fatally so), how much time do you think that states might need from an implementation perspective? I was going to offer at least 4 years. Because of when CLASS starts (my best guess is that enrollment wouldn't begin until 2013 + 5-year vesting before eligibility for benefit), I was hesitant to push back this date. Thoughts?