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Dear Mr. Dodaro,

Many of our constituents are struggling to obtain basic information regarding coverage of abortion through qualified health plans (QHPs) offered in Affordable Care Act (ACA) exchanges.¹ We request your assistance in obtaining the following information regarding the coverage of abortion included in QHPs.

1. Please provide a list of QHPs in an exchange that offer abortion as a covered benefit. In addition, please provide a list of QHPs in an exchange that exclude abortion coverage as a covered benefit.
2. If a QHP includes abortion coverage, please indicate the scope and circumstances regarding such benefit.
3. If a QHP includes abortion coverage, please indicate the amount of the abortion coverage surcharge described in 1303(b)(2)(i)(II) of the ACA. Please indicate how such surcharge is calculated and billed to consumers.
4. Section 1303(b)(3)(A) of the ACA specifies that “[a] qualified health plan that provides for coverage of the services described in paragraph (1)(B)(i) [abortion in cases other than rape, incest or to save the life of the mother], shall provide a notice to enrollees, only as part of the summary of benefits and coverage explanation, at the time of enrollment, of such coverage.” Please describe how this notice is provided to individuals purchasing plans through the federal exchange.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

¹ For purposes of this letter, the term exchange includes a federal exchange, state-based exchange, and state-partnership exchange.

Sincerely,



John Boehner
Speaker of the House



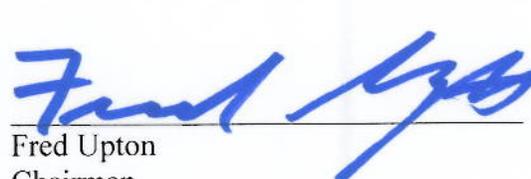
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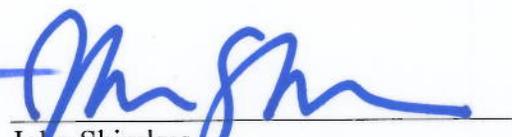
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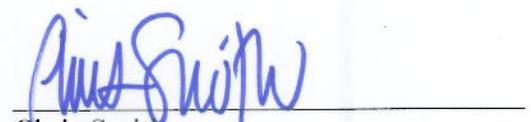
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