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RE: HHS Approves Exchanges in 6 States; Answers Governors' Questions on Exchanges and Medicaid

Today, HHS announced that six states that applied early have made enough progress setting up their own marketplaces or Exchanges that we are ready to conditionally approve their plans—meaning they are on track to meet all Exchange deadlines. These early applicant, early approval states include: Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, Oregon, and Washington. You may find the letters that Secretary Sebelius sent to the governors of those states [here](#).

In addition, some states have requested more information to help guide their work implementing the health care law. In response, today Secretary Sebelius sent a letter to the governors with answers to many questions states have raised. You may read the Secretary's letter [here](#) and the FAQs [here](#).

You can read the blog about today's announcements [here](#).

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