

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6515

June 3, 2014

The Honorable Marilyn Tavenner
Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Administrator Tavenner:

In January 2014, I wrote to Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius requesting enrollment data for the federal and state Small Business Health Options Plans (SHOPs). In her March 12, 2014 response, the Secretary stated that:

Although the metrics you requested are not currently available, we expect to have SHOP enrollment data at a later time and will provide you and your Committee that information when it is available.... The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is working to collect enrollment data from insurance companies.

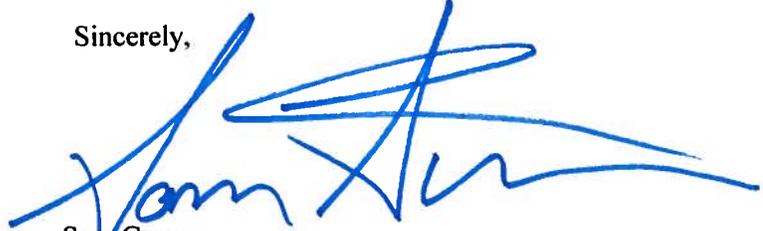
As you know, the SHOPs opened, although without online enrollment and many promised features, on October 1, 2013. Over seven months later, we still do not have any federal and some state SHOP enrollment data. I continue to be concerned that HHS or CMS has not compiled and/or released this information.

I request that you provide the following information:

1. The number of small businesses and the number of employees in each state who have enrolled in federal and each state SHOP;
2. The number of small businesses and the number of employees in the federal and each state SHOP who have paid at least their first premium;
3. If all of this information is not yet available, please provide the data that is available;
4. The name of each entity from which you are collecting or will collect any information that is not yet available;
5. The date by which the federal and each state SHOP will be fully operational, including online enrollment; and
6. The date by which you will provide the above information.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions about this letter, please contact Jan Oliver at 202.226.2221 or jan.oliver@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sam Graves", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Sam Graves
Chairman