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Ms. Carolyn Yocom  
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Dear Ms. Yocom:

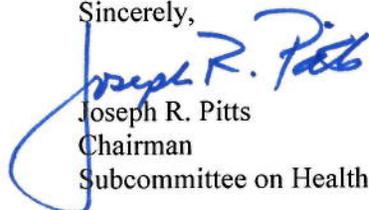
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on October 23, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Reviewing the Accuracy of Medicaid and Exchange Eligibility Determinations."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on December 3, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Graham Pittman, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [graham.pittman@mail.house.gov](mailto:graham.pittman@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph R. Pitts  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Health

cc: The Honorable Gene Green, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Attachment

## Attachment — Additional Questions for the Record

### The Honorable Representative Joseph R. Pitts

1. Given the 100 percent federal funding for the newly eligible Medicaid beneficiaries, states obviously have a financial incentive to increase the proportion of applicants and expenditures for that population. Your report indicates that CMS officials said that their expenditure reviews are primarily intended to ensure that states are correctly grouping expenditures for the different eligibility groups as initially determined, not whether the determination is correct.
  - a. What exactly does that mean and what is CMS checking versus not checking as part of these reviews?
  - b. What, if any, safeguards has CMS instituted to ensure that federal taxpayers are not paying more than their share of states' Medicaid programs?
2. Your reports contain several recommendations for CMS. What actions has CMS indicated that it would take in response to GAO's recommendations? Do you think these actions are sufficient to address the concerns raised?
3. Some may argue that any duplicate payments will be resolved through the tax reconciliation process because individuals that receive a subsidy are required to file income tax returns. To what extent has the tax reconciliation process helped to address duplicate federal payments resulting from dual coverage? For example, how would the tax reconciliation process interact with enrollees who do not file taxes?
4. In your testimony, you mentioned some actions CMS was taking to identify consumers who are dually enrolled in Medicaid and marketplace coverage. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that Exchange subsidies and related spending—as well as the increased Medicaid and CHIP outlays under the law—cost federal taxpayers \$77 billion in 2015. Next year, CBO notes the total cost for Exchange and Medicaid related spending due to the law will jump to \$116 billion dollars. Given the financial implications of duplicate coverage for both the beneficiary and the American taxpayers, what is CMS doing to prevent such duplication from occurring in the first place?
5. Your report seems to indicate that CMS has been changing the guidance and parameters of the pilot eligibility reviews. What implications does changing the instructions midstream have for the usefulness of the results?