



U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

Earlier this summer, I invited you to testify at a September 11th hearing before the House Budget Committee on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Although your staff has indicated that you are unavailable on the proposed date—and on three alternative dates—I have yet to receive an official response from your office.

The committee has many questions about how this law is being implemented. Of particular interest is how the federal exchange subsidies, with an estimated gross cost of more than \$1 trillion, will be managed, administered, and verified. The administration has already delayed several key provisions, raising serious doubts about its ability to meet the law's statutory deadlines. Given the significant financial liability these exchange subsidies represent, Congress has repeatedly asked for additional information about the administration's efforts to prepare for implementation. Unfortunately, no satisfactory answers have been forthcoming. This hearing is important for Congress and the American people to gain additional insight into how prepared the Department of Health and Human Services is to manage this brand new, trillion-dollar entitlement program.

Therefore, I ask that you prepare an organizational chart that clearly identifies the offices in the Department of Health and Human Services that are involved in implementation. For each office, please list its responsibilities concerning implementation; the number of employees (FTE) working on implementation; all relevant spending on salaries, expenses, and applicable programs; and the budgetary accounts (identified by Treasury account number) that are funding these efforts. Please also include all relevant spending on salaries and expenses for the health-insurance-exchange "navigators." The American people have a right to know how the department is spending their tax dollars.

I ask that you provide this information no later than September 11, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Hoffmann or Stephanie Parks at (202) 226-7270.

Sincerely,

Paul Ryan
Chairman