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We sent the FAQ/Bulletin from Texas and New Mexico (attached) to CCIIO for their opinion on whether carriers can include in their contracts language eliminating the cost-sharing reduction if the court decides for the House of Representatives in *House v. Burwell* in future appeals.

Here is the written response from CCIIO to New Mexico:

We've just seen the attached bulletin from the Office the Superintendent, and have serious concerns. Under federal law, an issuer is obligated to provide cost sharing reductions to eligible consumers, and it is not legal to implement a rider with the contingency described here. We look forward to discussing further with you and your teams.

Mandy Cohen at CMS is available to talk with states on this issue if you would like to discuss.

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