



**COMMONWEALTH HEALTH INSURANCE
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Exhibit 1

Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program; Report on Internal Control over Compliance; and Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

The Board of Directors
Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority's (the Authority), a component unit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Authority's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2014. The Authority's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs (Exhibit IV).

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Authority's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the Authority's major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Authority's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Authority complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2014.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our



Exhibit I

audit of compliance, we considered the Authority's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for its major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have audited the financial statements of the Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated December 23, 2014 which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

KPMG LLP

March 6, 2015

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Exhibit II

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2014

<u>Federal grantor/pass-through grant/program title/grant title</u>	<u>CFDA number</u>	<u>Award/Contract number</u>	<u>Federal expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:			
State Planning and Establishment Grants for the Affordable Care Act (ACA)'s Exchanges			
Direct Programs:			
Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State-Operated Health Insurance Exchanges	93.525		
Level 1		HBEIE120109-01	\$ 2,811,646
Level 1A		HBEIE120134-01	27,633,518
Level 2		HBEIE130143-01	29,309,119
Passed-through University of Massachusetts:			
Cooperative Agreements to Support Innovative Exchange Information Technology Systems	93.525	HBEIE110052-01-01	<u>134,406</u>
Total			\$ <u>59,888,689</u>

See accompanying notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

June 30, 2014

(1) Definition of the Reporting Entity

The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (the Authority) is an authority established by the Massachusetts General Laws and is a component unit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the Commonwealth). The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards presents the activity of all expenditures of federal awards of the Authority. All expenditures of federal awards received directly from federal agencies are included on the schedule.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Authority's accounting policies conform with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented using the cash basis of accounting.

(3) Subrecipient Payments

For the year ended June 30, 2014, the Authority provided \$14,500,705 of federal reimbursements to its subrecipients, the Commonwealth Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Center for Health Information and Analysis, University of Massachusetts Medical School, and Health Care for All, for expenses incurred by the subrecipients in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.



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Exhibit III

Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

The Board of Directors
Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (the Authority), which comprise the statement of net position as of June 30, 2014, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 23, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.



Exhibit III

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

KPMG LLP

December 23, 2014

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

June 30, 2014

(1) **Summary of Auditors' Results**

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes x no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? _____ yes x none reported

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? _____ yes x no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes x no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? _____ yes x none reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133? _____ yes x no

Identification of Major Programs

<u>Funding source</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>CFDA number</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	State Planning and Establishment Grants for the Affordable Care Act (ACA)'s Exchanges	93.525

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$1,796,661

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? x yes _____ no

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

June 30, 2014

(2) Findings Relating to Financial Statements Reported in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

None

(3) Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Awards

None