

1 **COMMITTEE: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

2 **POLICY: HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACES**

3 **(RESOLUTION)**

4 **TYPE:**

5 The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), requires the establishment and
6 operation of an American Health Benefit Exchange, currently referred to as a Health
7 Insurance Marketplace, in each state by January 1, 2014. Each state may either create
8 a state-operated exchange certified by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health
9 and Human Services or defer to the federal government to create and operate a
10 federally-facilitated exchange, which includes the ability to partner with the federal
11 government on plan management and consumer assistance in a “state partnership”
12 arrangement. NCSL urges the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to
13 continue to work with state legislators during the implementation process and to provide
14 additional flexibility to states to improve functionality, cost effectiveness, service delivery
15 and health outcomes.

16 Expires August 2015

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