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RE: Letter of Non-Applicability: LOI- Empire HealthChoice HMO, Inc. Consolidation of Empire Health Choice HMO, Inc. and Anthem Health Plans of Maine, Inc.

Dear Mr. Donahue:

This correspondence responds to yours dated February 15, 2017 in which Empire HealthChoice HMO, Inc. proposes to consolidate Empire HealthChoice HMO, Inc. and Anthem Health Plans of Maine, Inc. The purpose of this consolidation is to achieve operational efficiencies and reduce the number of Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services contracts held by Empire and its affiliates in the Anthem enterprise.

Based on the information you provided, the Department of Health and Human Services has determined that the proposal as described is not subject to review.

Activities or acquisitions by or on behalf of health maintenance organization or a health care facility controlled, directly or indirectly, by a health maintenance organization or combination of health maintenance organizations are exempted from Certificate of Need review (M.R.S.A. 22-A §330(2).

Sincerely,

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