



To Management  
Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange

We have audited the statement of revenues and expenditures of Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange d/b/a HealthSource RI (HSRI or the Exchange), a function within the State of Rhode Island, for the year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated January 8, 2019. Professional standards require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated December 4, 2018, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities.

#### Significant Audit Findings

##### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by HSRI are described in Note 3 to the financial statement. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2018. We noted no transactions entered into by HSRI during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statement in the proper period.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statement was:

- The disclosure of commitments and contingencies in Note 4 to the financial statement.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

##### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

##### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

##### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

*Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 8, 2019.

*Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Exchange’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Exchange’s auditor. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

**Internal Control Matters**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement of HSRI for the year ended June 30, 2018, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, we considered HSRI’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of HSRI’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of HSRI’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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of HSRI’s financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

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. 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.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the management of Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, LLC*  
Portland, Maine  
January 8, 2019