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Dear Dr. Howell:

Thank you for your letter submitting recommendations of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children (SACHDNC). These recommendations urge the Department to ensure families with individuals diagnosed with inborn errors of metabolism have access to health coverage that includes certain components of treatment. A thorough response to this letter will be forthcoming pending a careful review of these issues within the context of the broader provisions of the Affordable Care Act.

Please accept my personal thanks to you, the members, and the organizational representatives of the SACHDNC for your valuable work to improve the health of our nation's infants and children.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kathleen Sebelius