

Temporary Standards for State-Administered External Review Processes under PPACA Extended until 2016

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The Departments recently issued Technical Release 2013-01, which extended transitional relief that was set to expire on January 1, 2014, permitting the use of temporary standards for state-administered external review processes required under PPACA. Until January 1, 2016, the Departments will consider non-grandfathered group health plans and health insurance issuers, in both the group and individual markets, to be compliant with PPACA's state external review process standards, even if the external review process does not include all of the consumer protection standards required by PPACA, if the plans or issuers comply with a state-administered external review process that otherwise complies with the temporary standards established in Technical Release No. 2011-02. Technical Release 2013-01 can be found [here](#). Technical Release 2011-02 can be found [here](#).