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**(Wyo.)-Mead Blasts Feds For Ducking Health Questions**



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Gov. Matt Mead says he's concerned that the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services has declined to answer his repeated letters asking for information about how the state is supposed to implement the federal health care reform law.

Mead wrote to Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on Friday telling her Wyoming is unlikely to meet a new Dec. 14 deadline the federal government set this week because of the lack of information he requested from her in July and October.

The federal agency wants Wyoming to specify by next month whether it will run a health insurance exchange for state residents by next month's deadline.

Fabien Levy, press secretary for Health and Human Services in Washington, said Friday the agency has provided information and guidance to all states about the law.