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Submitted Electronically

Re: Iowa Family Planning Network §1115 Demonstration Waiver Termination (Project #11-W-00188/7)

Dear Ms. Moore:

Please find the attached termination application for the Iowa Family Planning Network §1115 Demonstration Waiver.

The Iowa Family Planning Network Demonstration was implemented on February 1, 2006 to provide limited Medicaid coverage for family planning services.

In May 2017, state legislation passed mandating the Iowa Department of Human Services to discontinue the Iowa Family Planning Network program effective July 1, 2017, and establish a state family planning services program. On July 1, 2017, the department implemented the Iowa Family Planning Program. All members receiving Iowa Family Planning Network were transitioned to the Iowa Family Planning Program. Because the Iowa Family Planning Network program has been discontinued, the State is seeking to terminate the Demonstration Waiver.

We are appreciative of the guidance and assistance provided through phone conversations on February 22, March 13, and September 6, 2017 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services staff regarding the program transition and close-out activities. In addition, we appreciate all who have contributed to the success of the Iowa Family Planning Network Program.

Sincerely,


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Section 1115 Demonstration Termination

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Project #11 -W-00 188/7**

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Section I – Executive Summary

On January 10, 2006, Iowa received approval for the §1115 Family Planning Demonstration Waiver (Project #11 -W-00 188/7) from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). On February 1, 2006, Iowa implemented the Iowa Family Planning Network (IFPN) program to provide access to family planning and family planning related services.

Most recently, the IFPN program provided family planning services to men and women, under the age of 55, who are not otherwise enrolled in Medicaid and have countable income of no more than 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Women losing Medicaid pregnancy coverage at the conclusion of the 60-day postpartum period were systematically enrolled in the IFPN program.

Annual reports of the demonstration, completed by the University of Iowa Public Policy Center, have confirmed the success of the Iowa Family Planning Program. Recent reports show more than 80,000 women have accessed family planning services through the IFPN waiver demonstration and repeat birth rates for women accessing IFPN services have dropped for most age groups. The largest decrease was among teens. Additionally, conservative estimates of net Medicaid savings are over \$265 million from this demonstration.

Section II – History

In May 2004, legislation under Iowa Senate File 2298 was passed, requiring the department to request a waiver from CMS that allowed a guaranteed 12 month period of eligibility for family planning services to women who received Medicaid when a pregnancy ended as well as women who are at least 13 years of age but less than 45 years of age with income at or below 200 percent of the FPL.

In January 2006, CMS approved Iowa's initial request for the Iowa Family Planning Demonstration Waiver for a period of 5 years. In February 2006, Iowa implemented the IFPN program. The program provided coverage to women, aged 12-44, who are not otherwise enrolled in Medicaid (other than IowaCare), State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) or other coverage that includes family planning services. These women must also have countable income at or below 200 percent of the FPL or have lost Medicaid pregnancy coverage within the last year, at the conclusion of their 60-day postpartum period.

In 2010, legislation under Iowa House File 2526 was passed, requiring the department to renew the demonstration waiver and expand eligibility criteria for the IFPN program. The expanded criteria included coverage for men, increasing the age limit to 54, increasing the income limit to 300 percent FPL, and allowing coverage for individuals that are uninsured or have health insurance coverage that does not include coverage for benefits provided under IFPN. After receiving CMS approval, these changes along with a 3 year renewal of the IFPN demonstration waiver, were implemented effective December 29, 2011. In 2011, as part of the renewal process, the department received several short-term, temporary extensions to continue operating the IFPN program while the extension renewal waiver was considered.

Beginning January 1, 2014, the IFPN demonstration waiver was extended an additional 3 years. The program continued to provide family planning and family planning-related services to individuals (men and women) aged 12 through 54, who are not otherwise enrolled in Medicaid and have family income at or below 300 percent FPL. Women losing Medicaid pregnancy coverage at the conclusion of 60 days postpartum continued to be systematically enrolled in IFPN.

Most recently, beginning January 1, 2017, the IFPN demonstration waiver was renewed for an additional 3 years following the same eligibility criteria from the 2014 renewal.

Section III – Termination

In May 2017, legislation under Iowa House File 653 was passed, mandating the Department of Human Services to discontinue the Medicaid Family Planning Network Waiver effective July 1, 2017 and establish a state family planning services program. The legislation required the state family planning services program replicate the eligibility requirements and other provisions of the IFPN program.

On July 1, 2017, the department implemented the state Family Planning Program (FPP). This program provides family planning and family planning-related services to individuals (men and women) aged 12 through 54, who are not otherwise enrolled in Medicaid and have family income at or below 300 percent FPL. Women losing Medicaid pregnancy coverage at the conclusion of 60 days postpartum are systematically enrolled in the FPP.

The department is not receiving federal financial participation for expenditures under this program. State legislation also requires the distribution of FPP funds are not made to any entity that performs abortions or that maintains or operates a facility where abortions are performed.

Section IV – Transition and Phase Out

All individuals enrolled in IFPN as of June 30, 2017 were systematically and seamlessly enrolled in the FPP. Each member received a Notice of Decision (NOD) explaining the program transition, including a web address to access the list of participating providers, and proof of coverage for FPP. Each NOD also included member appeal rights. Eligibility determinations for FPP began with applications received on or after July 1, 2017.

Forms, including applications and notices of decision, as well as provider communications, have been revised applicable to the Family Planning Program.

Informational letters were published by the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME), giving instruction on provider enrollment and billing processes.