



Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

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Ms. Jennifer Vermeer
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Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
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Dear Ms. Vermeer:

This letter is in regards to your proposed IowaCare section 1115 demonstration amendment. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved your requests to restructure county assignments for medical homes and make technical changes to the state's safety net pool.

As you know, Iowa requested an amendment to redistribute the patient population in seven counties that were served by the Community Health Center of Fort Dodge. Former enrollees of Fort Dodge that reside in the impacted counties will be reassigned to People's Community Health Center and Primary Health Care, Inc. We expect that this medical home reassignment will help ensure enrollees continuous coverage and improved access to services.

The second amendment proposal is a technical change to the special terms and conditions (STCs) of the demonstration to reflect that the lab and radiology payments will become a part of the community health center payment rate. This change is designed to align the payment methodologies and assist the state in its efforts to improve primary care access around the state.

Enclosed with this letter are STCs, including the changes to Attachment A, which will provide us with an administrative record of these modifications to your demonstration. Written acceptance is needed for this record within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please direct correspondence to your project officer, Ms. Terri Fraser at:

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Any correspondence to the Baltimore office should also be sent to Mr. James Scott in the CMS Regional Office in Kansas City. He may be reached at the following:

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Thank you for your commitment to improving access to primary care services for the residents of Iowa. We look forward to working with you and your staff on these and other important initiatives. Questions regarding this demonstration approval may be directed to Jennifer Ryan, Acting Director, Children and Adults Health Programs Group, at 410-786-5647.

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

Enclosure

Cc: James Scott, ARA
Terri Fraser, Project Officer