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Office of the Administrator

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December 30, 2013

Jennifer Vermeer  
Medicaid Director  
State of Iowa  
Department of Human Services  
100 Army Post Road  
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Dear Ms. Vermeer:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Iowa's request to amend its Medicaid demonstrations entitled, "Iowa Wellness Plan" (Project Number 11-W-00289/5) and "Iowa Marketplace Choice" (Project Number 11-W-00288/5), which were approved by CMS on December 10, 2013.

The CMS' approval of these demonstrations is conditioned upon compliance with the enclosed sets of Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated Federal involvement in the projects. As discussed, we have amended the Iowa Wellness Plan demonstration to permit premiums for households from 50 up to 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) at a nominal amount (\$5/month) which may be waived for hardship or reduced/ eliminated by completion of healthy behaviors. Authority to charge premiums is subject to the state demonstrating access to healthcare services, such that beneficiaries will be able to complete the healthy behaviors. Nonpayment of premiums for individuals in this group may not result in disenrollment. Additionally, we have amended the Marketplace Choice Plan to specify that premiums for households above 100 percent of the FPL will be \$10/month. The award is subject to our receipt of your written acknowledgement of the award and acceptance of these STCs within 30 days of the date of this letter. A copy of the updated STCs, waivers, and expenditure authorities are enclosed for your review.

Your project officer for these demonstrations is Mrs. Vanessa Sammy. She is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration Mrs. Sammy's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mrs. Sammy and to Mr. James Scott, Associate Regional Administrator, in our Kansas City Regional Office. Mr. Scott's contact information is as follows:

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If you have questions regarding this approval, please contact Mr. Eliot Fishman, Director, Children and Adults Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services, at (410) 786-5647.

Thank you for all your work with us, as well as stakeholders in Iowa, over the past several months on developing this important demonstration. Congratulations on this approval.

Sincerely,

/s/

Marilyn Tavenner

Enclosures

cc: James Scott, ARA, Region VII