

February 26, 2014

Mr. Charles M. Palmer
Director
Iowa Department of Human Services
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Dear Mr. Palmer:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is issuing technical corrections to the Iowa section 1115 Medicaid demonstrations, entitled “Iowa Wellness Plan”, (Project # 11-W-00289/5) and “Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan”, (Project # 11-W-00288/5), under the authority of section 1115(f) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to ensure that the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) reflect how the state is currently operating its demonstration.

Specifically, we are revising the STCs, the waiver and expenditure authorities approved on December 30, 2013, to reflect the following:

Iowa Wellness Plan

- CMS is clarifying the Waiver of Comparability to state that the demonstration population will be subject to an \$8 copay for non-emergency use of the emergency department and that copays applied to other Medicaid populations will not be imposed on the demonstration populations.
- CMS is clarifying STC 18 to state that the demonstration population will receive benefits described in the Iowa Wellness Plan alternative benefit plan.

Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan

- CMS is clarifying the Waiver of Comparability to state that the demonstration population will be subject to an \$8 copay for non-emergency use of the emergency department and that copays applied to other Medicaid populations will not be imposed on the demonstration populations.
- CMS is editing STC 17 to delete “from” and replace the eligible population with “incomes above” 100 percent of the federal poverty level.
- CMS is clarifying STC 30 to state that the demonstration population will receive benefits described in the Iowa Marketplace Choice alternative benefit plan.
- CMS is editing STC 35 to clarify the requirements for contracting with at least one FQHC and RHC, where FQHC or RHC services are available.

- CMS is editing STC 40 to delete “any access data standards and an updated monitoring protocol related to healthy behaviors to be met in year 2 (or subsequent years),” as well as, “Baseline and year 1 data regarding access and utilization.”

CMS has reviewed the changes and believes these changes are technical in nature. Most of the changes made to the STCs clarified language in the document based on the agreed terms between the state and CMS. Therefore, CMS has incorporated the technical changes into the latest version of the STCs, which are enclosed with this letter.

We look forward to continuing to work with your staff on the administration of this demonstration.

Sincerely,

/s/

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