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Mikki Stier
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Dear Ms. Stier:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving your June 1, 2016 request to terminate Iowa's section 1115 demonstration, titled "Iowa Marketplace Choice" (Project Number #11-W-00288/5). This demonstration will expire November 30, 2016.

The Marketplace Choice Demonstration was implemented on January 1, 2014, to provide access to healthcare for uninsured, low-income adults ages 19 to 64 with income from 100 through 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). Beneficiaries received health care coverage through Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) on the Health Insurance Marketplace, with Medicaid assisting in paying beneficiaries' premiums. However, on December 24, 2015, CMS approved an amendment to the Marketplace Choice Demonstration permitting the state to move enrollees to the Iowa Wellness Plan (Project #11-W-00289/5) 1115 demonstration. The Marketplace Choice demonstration was suspended and all Marketplace Choice demonstration beneficiaries were successfully transitioned to the Iowa Wellness Plan.

According to special terms and conditions (STCs) 56 and 80 of the Marketplace Choice demonstration, Iowa is required to submit a Final Report and a Final Summative Evaluation Report, respectively. CMS will continue to work with Iowa to finalize these reports.

If you have any questions, please contact your project officer, Ms. Jennifer Kotesich. Ms. Kotesich can be reached at (410) 786-6810, or at Jennifer.Kotesich@cms.hhs.gov. Thank you for all your work on this demonstration.

Sincerely,
/s/

Eliot Fishman
Director

cc: James Scott, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Kansas City Regional Office