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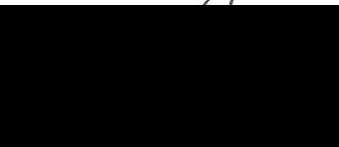
Dear Ms. Casart:

On June 20, 2019, Iowa submitted an application for a five-year extension of the Iowa Wellness Demonstration Waiver. The authority requested was Section 1115(f) of the Social Security Act. Also, on September 16, 2019, Iowa received notification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the 30-day negotiation period for the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) had begun.

Section 1115(f)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act requires that an extension application be approved or disapproved no later than 120 days after the date of application, unless a later date is agreed upon by the state. In addition, this section of the Social Security Act allows the state to request more negotiating time before CMS makes a final decision on the demonstration, up to the current approval date, December 31, 2019.

Iowa is requesting an extension of the 30-day period to November 15, 2019. Iowa will continue discussions with CMS regarding the STCs. This extension will allow both CMS and Iowa to finish all outstanding issues.

Sincerely,



Michael Randol
Medicaid Director

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