
State Demonstrations Group

February 4, 2016

Mikki Stier
Medicaid Director
Iowa Department of Human Services
100 Army Post Road
Des Moines, IA 50315

Dear Ms. Stier:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's request, dated January 19, 2016, to temporarily extend the non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) waiver in the section 1115 demonstration, entitled "Iowa Wellness Plan" (Project Number 11-W-00289/5). Through this letter, CMS is granting your request for a temporary extension of the waiver of NEMT through May 31, 2016. This extension, from March 31, 2016 through May 31, 2016, will ensure that the beneficiary survey data and claims analyses regarding the impact of the NEMT waiver will be available to inform a decision regarding whether to extend the waiver through the rest of the demonstration period. In the interim, we expect to receive the state's survey data and claims analyses concerning the NEMT waiver by March 31, 2016.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea Casart. Ms. Casart can be reached at (410) 786-0742, or at Andrea.casart@cms.hhs.gov. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on this demonstration.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eliot Fishman
Director

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