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Dear Mr. Randol:


This letter serves as notification from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of our continuing review of the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) for the "Iowa Wellness Plan" (Project Number 11-W-00289/5), in compliance with section 1115(f) of the Social Security Act (the Act). The next step, as outlined in the statute, is the 30-day negotiation period beginning with the date of this letter.

As we review the request to renew the current demonstration through December 31, 2025, CMS intends to propose a number of technical changes. The proposed changes will include changes to the General Program Requirements. Also, the Monitoring and Evaluation special terms and conditions (STCs) will be updated to reflect CMS' current requirements for monitoring and evaluation of section 1115 demonstrations. The retroactive eligibility STC language will be updated to reflect the requested change from the state as well as the current interpretation of section 1902(1)(4) of the Act.

The 30-day negotiation period will give CMS and the state the opportunity to have more detailed discussions of any issues involved in the extension of all or part of the demonstration. For example, there would be more time to engage in discussions concerning the coordination of the demonstration with other state initiatives. We note that section 1115(f)(5)(A) of the Act allows the state to request more negotiating time before CMS makes a final decision on the demonstration, up to the expiration of the current approval period, December 31, 2019.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to extend the state's demonstration. If you have questions regarding the section 1115 extension review process, please contact your CMS project officer, Wanda Boone-Massey at (410) 786-2619 or at wanda.boone-massey@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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