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Re: Iowa Health and Wellness Plan §1115 Demonstration Amendment (Project Number 11-W-00289/5) STCs

Dear Mr. Neale,

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to learn that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the recent "Iowa Health and Wellness Plan" (11-W-00289/5) amendment to include a waiver of the three-month retroactive eligibility period, which will apply to all Iowa Medicaid beneficiaries, except for pregnant women (and during the 60-day period beginning on the last day of the pregnancy) and infants under one year of age. As CMS has noted in the approval letter, the three-month retroactive eligibility waiver will only apply to new applications or new beneficiaries who join an existing household for applications filed or requested on or after November 1, 2017. Beneficiaries will continue to receive Medicaid coverage effective the first day of the month in which their Medicaid application was filed, or as otherwise allowed by the state plan.

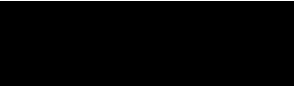
DHS understands that technical corrections to the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) may be requested following approval of the amendment. DHS would like to take the opportunity in this acceptance letter to request the following technical correction to the STCs accompanying your email correspondence dated October 30, 2017:

- DHS recommends that the reference to Section XI in STC 39 be updated to Section X.

If you have any questions on the proposed technical corrections, please contact Jennifer Steenblock, Federal Compliance Officer, by e-mail jsteenb@dhs.state.ia.us or phone at 515-256-4636.

As always, we look forward to continuing to work with our federal partners at CMS to ensure seamless implementation of this waiver amendment. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this acceptance letter, and we look forward to working with your staff to finalize the STCs.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure: Iowa Health and Wellness Plan §1115 Demonstration Amendment (Project Number 11-W-00289/5) Redline Special Terms and Conditions (STC)

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