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## Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

May 8, 2014

Charles M. Palmer, Director Department of Human Services Hoover State Office Building 1305 East Walnut, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Des Moines, IA 50319-0119

Dear Mr. Palmer:

On March 20, 2014, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received lowa's State Plan Amendment (SPA) transmittal #14-008, which revises language in the state plan regarding premium costs for individuals eligible under the Medicaid for Persons with Disabilities group.

Based upon our review, we are now ready to approve SPA #14-008 as of May 6, 2014, with an effective date of August 1, 2014, as requested by the state.

Enclosed is a copy of the CMS-179 form containing the revisions requested, as well as, the approved page for incorporation into the Iowa State Plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Barbara Cotterman at (816) 426-5925 or Barbara.Cotterman@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Leticia Barraza Acting Associate Regional Administrator for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Jennifer Vermeer

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The definition of "family" for purposes of the 250% family income eligibility test includes:

- For disabled individuals under 18 and unmarried: the individual, parents living with the individual, unmarried siblings under 18 living with the individual, and children of the individual who live with the individual.
- For disabled individuals 18 or older or married: the individual, the individual's spouse living with the individual, and any unmarried children under 18 who are living with the individual.

In comparing family income to 250%, SSI income disregards and exemptions are applied. In determining whether the 250% family income eligibility test is met, disregard the amount of income equal to the social security cost-of-living adjustment for the year until the federal poverty level increase goes into effect for the year.

Premiums will be charged for recipients with individual gross income in excess of 150% of the federal poverty level and will be adjusted annually based on changes in the average state employee health insurance premium. The premium is determined according to a sliding scale based on income, with the maximum premium, based on the average state employee's health insurance premium, charged only when not more than 5% of an individual's gross income.

Monthly premium amounts established August 1, 2013, begin at \$31 for individuals with gross income greater than 150% of the federal poverty level and increase to a maximum of \$647 for individuals with gross income greater than 1480% of the federal poverty level. No other eost-sharing charges apply to this group, except for otherwise applicable Iowa Medicaid co-payments.

In determining the monthly premium amount, the gross income figure used in calculation of the monthly premium will not include the cost-of-living adjustment for the year until the federal poverty level for the year goes into effect.

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