

February 11, 2022

Dr. Daniel Tsai
Deputy Administrator and Director
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
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Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

Re: Iowa Wellness Plan §1115 COVID-19 Demonstration (Project #11-W-00289/7)

Dear Dr. Tsai:

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to learn that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved our request to temporarily provide continuous coverage for individuals aging out of CHIP.

This letter serves as our formal acceptance of the STCs, including acknowledgement of CMS' written approval for the period starting January 6, 2021, and ending July 31, 2021, and verbal approval of our ability to claim federal match for expenditures incurred for CHIP enrollees who turned 19 beginning March 1, 2020, per our regular monthly Iowa Wellness Plan monitoring call on January 26, 2022. As CMS is aware, DHS provided continuous coverage for individuals aging out of CHIP from the beginning of the public health emergency (PHE). We therefore respectfully request confirmation of this authority which permits DHS to have ensured adequate coverage and access to critical services in response to the COVID-19 PHE.

We look forward to continuing to work with our federal partners at CMS.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Matney
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cc: Wanda Boone-Massey, CMS
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