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

Dear Ms. Boone-Massey,

Per our discussion on February 26, 2025, the State of Iowa (State) Department of Health and Human Services is providing formal notification of its intent to request amendment of its Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHAWP) 1115 Waiver Demonstration Notification (Project Number 11-W-00289/5).

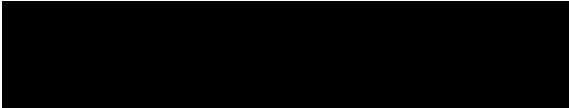
The State will be requesting approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement work requirements as a condition of eligibility for certain individuals in the populations currently served through the IHAWP Demonstration. Exceptions to these requirements will be detailed in the amendment request. The amendment request will be consistent with proposed Iowa legislation upon passage.

Additionally, the State is also in process of negotiating an extension of the current IHAWP Waiver Demonstration effective July 1, 2025. The State is working to finalize public and tribal comment and to submit the amendment request to CMS no later than May 16, 2025. The State will respectfully request CMS review and approval to also allow for an effective date of the amendment on July 1, 2025. As such, the State will request ongoing technical assistance sessions or meetings with CMS to request input from CMS as needed and to provide information to CMS about the planned design of the amendment. In doing so, the State believes this will facilitate the review process for CMS.

We look forward to continuing to work with our federal partners at CMS to promote the demonstration's goal of reducing program costs.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Steenblock, Bureau Chief, Program Integrity and Compliance at [Jennifer.Steenblock@hhs.iowa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Steenblock@hhs.iowa.gov) or 515-782-1509 if you have any questions about this notice.

Sincerely,



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