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Sarah Aker
State Demonstrations Group Acting Director
Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Dear Director Aker:

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) requests to withdraw our Section 1115 Community Engagement Demonstration Amendment that was submitted on June 6, 2025.

Iowa HHS originally submitted this proposal as required by Iowa Senate Bill 615 and prior to the passage of the federal H.R.1 that also requires states to implement Medicaid community engagement requirements. Iowa will follow federal guidance for implementation of Medicaid community engagement requirements to begin December 1, 2026.

Should you have questions or need additional information related to Iowa's 1115 Demonstration, please contact Ashley Bolsem, Iowa Medicaid Demonstration Authority Oversight Officer, at ashley.bolsem@hhs.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Lee Grossman
Medicaid Director

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