



NOTICE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR IOWA HEALTH AND WELLNESS PLAN EXTENSION

Notice is hereby given that the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will hold public hearings on the renewal of the §1115 Iowa Health and Wellness Plan Demonstration which is set to expire December 31, 2024. HHS intends to request extension of the Demonstration for an additional five years pursuant to §1115(a) and §1915(h)(2) of the Social Security Act.

Hearings offer an opportunity for the public to provide written or verbal comments about the Demonstration extension. All comments will be summarized and taken into consideration prior to submission to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Hearings will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

Table with 3 columns: HEARING #1, HEARING #2, HEARING #3. Includes dates, times, locations, and Zoom meeting links for each hearing.

The Iowa Health and Wellness Plan was created to provide comprehensive health care coverage to low-income, uninsured Iowans ages 19 to 64. The State seeks to continue the current program structure and requests an extension of all current federal waivers.

A full public notice, Demonstration extension documents, and information about the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan are available at https://hhs.iowa.gov/public-notice/2024-04-17/ihawp-extension and non-electronic copies will be made available for review at HHS Field Offices.

Written comments may be addressed to Jeanette Brandner, Department of Health and Human Services, Iowa Medicaid, 1305 East Walnut, Des Moines, IA 50319-0114. Comments may also be sent via electronic mail to: jbrandn@dhs.state.ia.us through May 17, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Please include "1115 Renewal" in the subject line.

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