

A photograph of a woman with braided hair, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt, smiling warmly. She is holding a young girl with braided hair and colorful beads. In the foreground, a young boy is looking towards the camera. They are in a kitchen, with a refrigerator in the background covered in magnets and photos. The scene is bright and warm, suggesting a family-oriented environment.

# IOWA HEALTH & WELLNESS PLAN

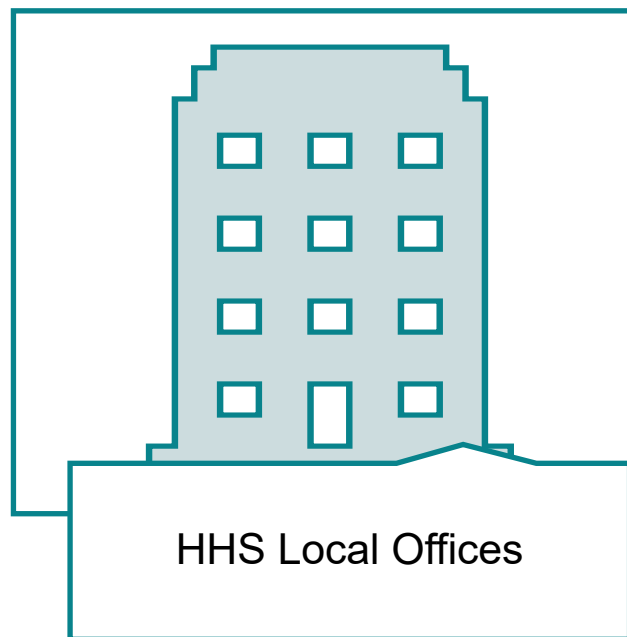
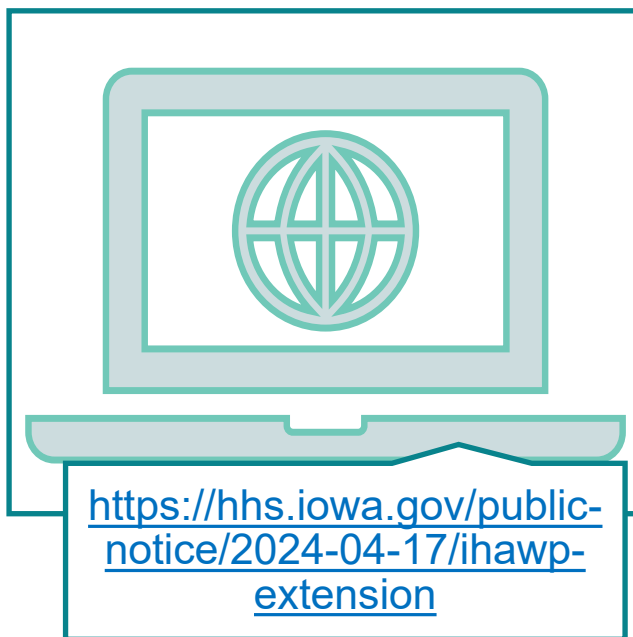
**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

April/May, 2024

# Overview

- ▶ HHS is seeking a five-year extension of the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan
- ▶ Current authority expires December 31, 2024
- ▶ Hearings provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn about the extension and provide comment

# Demonstration Application Availability



# Overarching Demonstration Goals

- ▶ Improve enrollee health and wellness through the encouragement of healthy behaviors and use of preventive services.
- ▶ Increase enrollee engagement and accountability in their health care.
- ▶ Increase enrollee's access to dental care.
- ▶ Dental Wellness Plan (DWP)
  - Ensure enrollee access to and quality of dental services.
  - Allow for the seamless delivery of services by providers.
  - Improve the oral health of DWP enrollees by encouraging engagement in preventive services and compliance with treatment goals.
  - Encourage linkage to a dental home.

# Demonstration Overview

Legislature authorized the IHAWP to provide access to healthcare for uninsured, low-income lowans, using a benefit design intended to improve health outcomes, increase personal responsibility and lower costs.

## Healthy Behaviors

- Premium-free health care for completing:
  - Health Risk Assessment
  - Wellness or Dental Exam
- Otherwise, premium charged in second enrollment year\*

## Cost Sharing

- \$8 copay for non-emergency use of the ER
- Designed to encourage enrollees to seek care in the appropriate healthcare setting

## Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

- Waiver of federal requirement to provide NEMT to IHAWP enrollees
- Aligns benefits with enabling legislation and consistent with commercial insurance coverage

\*Applies to households with income over 50% FPL only

# Demonstration Overview

## Dental Wellness Plan

- Enrollment in a dental plan for all Medicaid enrollees, except:
  - PACE
  - HIPP
  - Presumptive eligibility
  - Emergency-only coverage
  - Medicare Savings Program
  - Medically Needy
  - Periods of retroactive coverage

## Retroactive Eligibility Waiver

- Three months of retroactive Medicaid eligibility for:
  - Children
  - Pregnant women
  - Nursing facility residents
- For all other Medicaid populations, coverage is effective the first day of the month in which an application is filed

# Public Comment Opportunities



**Submit a comment at an online hearing by typing in the chat or raising your hand to be unmuted. Raise your hand at an in-person hearing.**



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**Comments are being accepted through May 17, 2024 at 4:30pm CST**



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