Appendix I: Financial Accountability

I-1: Financial Integrity and Accountability

Financial Integrity. Describe the methods that are employed to ensure the integrity of payments that have been made for waiver services, including: (a) requirements concerning the independent audit of provider agencies; (b) the financial audit program that the state conducts to ensure the integrity of provider billings for Medicaid payment of waiver services, including the methods, scope and frequency of audits; and, (c) the agency (or agencies) responsible for conducting the financial audit program. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

This section applies to all Brain Injury Waiver services, including CDAC and Personal Care services provided through the Consumer Choices Option (CCO) the state's self-direction program. CDAC and Personal Care services are not treated differently from other waiver services.

Iowa Medicaid enters into and establishes a contract with each MCO prior to assigning members to be managed by the MCO. The contract is a comprehensive document that details the requirements of the MCO in managing the Medicaid and waiver services for those members on the BI waiver. Iowa Medicaid sends each MCO a monthly eligibility file called the 834 file. All current information for all members with eligibility in the upcoming month including demographic information is included in this file. The 834 file is used to identify member enrollment with the MCO for authorization of the capitated payment to the MCO. The eligibility file indicates any change in eligibility status, whether from FFS to MCO, MCO to FFS or a change from one MCO to another. Iowa Medicaid also sends each MCO a Long-Term Services and Supports File on a daily basis and monthly at months end which includes all current and historical information for members with HCBS Waiver or LTC eligibility in the upcoming month. The LTSS file is used to identify member enrollment in an HCBS Waiver who is assigned to the MCO for authorization of the capitated payment to the MCO.

The Iowa Medicaid Program Integrity (PI) unit conducts audits on all Medicaid Provider types including HCBS providers. Any suspected fraud is referred to the Department of Inspection and Appeals Medicaid Fraud and Control Unit (MFCU). The PI Unit vendor is contractually required to review a valid sample with a 95% confidence level with +/- 5% margin of error, based on the universe of claims to be sampled across all provider types. Reviewed cases include providers who are outliers on multiple parameters of cost, utilization, quality of care, and/or other metrics. Reviews are also based on referrals and complaints received. Reviews include review of claims data and service documentation to detect such aberrancies as up-coding, unbundling, and billing for services not rendered. This monitoring may involve desk reviews or provider on-site reviews. During a desk review the provider is required to submit records for review. The PI vendor must initiate appropriate action to recover improper payments on the basis of its reviews. They must work with the Core MMIS contractor to accomplish required actions on providers, including requests to recover payment through the use of credit and adjustment procedures.

The PI vendor must report findings from all reviews to HHS, including monthly and quarterly written reports detailing information on provider review activity, findings and recoveries. Requests for provider records by the PI unit include a documentation checklist, listing the specific records that must be provided for the audit or review pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code to document the basis for services or activities provided. Reviews are conducted in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code.

The vast majority of HCBS claims are paid through MCOs. The Iowa Medicaid Program Integrity unit only reviews claims submitted through the Fee-For-Service (FFS) system for members who are not enrolled in an MCO. There are a relatively small number of HCBS claims in the FFS universe, and as such statistical sampling is unnecessary. It is more efficient and productive for the PI Unit to use more targeted strategies to identify providers for review, such as using data analysis and algorithms to identify billing aberrancies, as well as referrals and complaints that come from various sources. The PI vendor may conduct on-site reviews, but there is no requirement for a set percentage of reviews to be conducted on-site.

Should the State require a provider to perform a self-review, the prescribed methodology for review is determined on a case-by-case basis and is generally determined based on the nature and scope of the issue identified. In previous years, all HCBS claims were paid through the FFS system; currently the vast majority of HCBS claims are paid by MCOs. The state compares the results of the MCO program integrity efforts to the results achieved in past years. However, MCO operations tend to rely more on prior authorization of services and pre-payment claims editing to control costs, and as such this type of comparison will not be straightforward and may not provide useful information.

When the PI vendor identifies an overpayment for FFS claims, a Preliminary Report of Tentative Overpayment (PROTO) letter is sent to the provider. The PROTO letter gives the provider an opportunity to ask for a re-evaluation and they may submit additional documentation at that time. After the re-evaluation is complete, the provider is sent a Findings and Order for Repayment (FOR) letter to notify them of any resulting overpayment. Both the PROTO letter and the FOR letter are reviewed and signed off by state PI staff prior to mailing. The FOR letter also includes appeal rights to inform the provider that they may appeal through the State Fair Hearing process. When overpayments are recovered, claims adjustments are performed which automatically results in the FFP being returned to CMS.

The OHCDS Medicaid audit is subject to the same standards and processes as outlined for FFS. The state's contracted MCOs are also responsible for safeguarding against, and investigating reports of, suspected fraud and abuse. MCOs are required to fully cooperate with the HHS PI Unit by providing data and ongoing communication and collaboration. Per 42 CFR 438.608 and 42 CFR Part 455, MCOs must have an administrative procedure that includes a mandatory compliance

plan that describes in detail the manner in which it will detect fraud and abuse. The PI Plan must be updated annually and submitted to HHS for review and approval. The MCOs are also required to make referral to Iowa Medicaid and the MFCU for any suspected fraudulent activity by a provider. On a monthly basis, the MCO must submit an activity report to HHS, which outlines the MCO's PI-related activities and findings, progress in meeting goals and objectives, and recoupment totals. Each MCO is also required to meet in person with the Iowa Medicaid PI Unit, the Iowa Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Bureau, and the MFCU on at least a quarterly basis to coordinate on open cases and review the MCO's program integrity efforts. Iowa's MCOs continuously conduct reviews/audits on providers in their networks. The degree to which these include HCBS providers varies over time depending on tips received and leads from data analytics.

As part of the EQR process, the contractor performs onsite reviews of the MCOs that include processes that impact BI Waiver providers and members. Reviews include credentialing files, critical processes such as service authorization validation, claims processing, training and care coordination.

The State reviews monthly, quarterly, annual reports and compliance plans to provide oversight on the MCO programs. Each MCO has meetings monthly with the State and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) to review fraud waste and abuse referral information and provide any updates regarding open investigations. Monthly fraud waste and abuse referrals, audits/investigations, closed cases, overpayment letters, overpayments collected, among other numerical values are tracked and trended with the previous year's data on a dashboard updated monthly. There will be on-site audits beginning in SFY20 for MCO oversight to validate correct reporting. These types of audits will be on a regular basis. The State will begin a program integrity review of MCO claims to ensure providers are billing and rendering services appropriately. The State will notify the MCOs of any review findings for them to pursue further program integrity activities with the provider.

MCOs must also coordinate all PI efforts with Iowa Medicaid and Iowa's MFCU. MCOs must have in place a method to verify whether services reimbursed were actually furnished to members as billed by providers and must comply with 42 CFR Part 455 by suspending payments to a provider after HHS determines there is a credible allegation of fraud for which an investigation is pending under the Medicaid program against an individual/entity unless otherwise directed by HHS or law enforcement. MCOs shall comply with all requirements for provider disenrollment and termination as required by 42 CFR §455.

The Auditor of the State has the responsibility to conduct periodic independent audit of the waiver under the provisions of the Single Audit Act. All HCBS cost reports will be subject to desk review audit and, if necessary, a field audit. However, the Waiver does not require the providers to secure an independent audit of their financial statements.

Iowa requires that Managed Care Organizations have EVV information for all required PCS and Home Health Care services. Iowa reviews aggregate EVV compliance reports to understand utilization trends and EVV compliance. The following 1915(c) waiver service codes for EVV are: S5125 - Attendant Care Services Per 15 Minutes, T1019 - Personal Care Services Per 15 Minutes, T1002-IMMT HHA RN Services 15 Minutes, T1003-IMMT HHA LPN/LVN Services Up To 15 Minutes, and T1004-IMMT SCL 15 Minutes.

The EVV system assists the managed care plans in validating the provision of services and monitoring the accuracy of payments for waiver services to providers.

The State Currently does not require EVV for FFS. We accept and calculate the FMAP reduction. The State will reassess FFS EVV implementation after home health EVV implementation under the managed care plans.

Appendix I: Financial Accountability

Quality Improvement: Financial Accountability

As a distinct component of the States quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the States methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Financial Accountability Assurance:

The State must demonstrate that it has designed and implemented an adequate system for ensuring financial accountability of the waiver program. *(For waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014, this assurance read "State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.")*

i. Sub-Assurances:

a. ***Sub-assurance: The State provides evidence that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver and only for services rendered.***
(Performance measures in this sub-assurance include all Appendix I performance measures for waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014.)

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
FA-a1: Number and percent of FFS claims paid for services provided to waiver members for which there is a corresponding prior authorization. Numerator: Number of FFS claims paid for services provided to waiver members for which there is a corresponding prior authorization.; Denominator: Total number of reviewed paid claims

Data Source (Select one):
Financial records (including expenditures)
If 'Other' is selected, specify:
Program Integrity reviews claims and provider documentation for providers already under review.

Responsible Party for data collection/generation *(check each that applies):*	**Frequency of data collection/generation** *(check each that applies):*	**Sampling Approach** *(check each that applies):*
☒ **State Medicaid Agency**	☐ **Weekly**	☐ **100% Review**
☐ **Operating Agency**	☒ **Monthly**	☒ **Less than 100% Review**
☐ **Sub-State Entity**	☐ **Quarterly**	☒ **Representative Sample** Confidence Interval = 95% confidence level with +/- 5% margin of error
☒ **Other** Specify: Contracted entity	☐ **Annually**	☒ **Stratified** Describe Group:

		IA.0213 AIDS/HIV (.05%) IA.0242 ID (47%) IA.0299 BI (6%) IA.0345 PD (4%) IA.0819 CMH (4%) IA.4111 HD Waiver (9%) IA.4155 - Elderly Waiver (30%)
	☐ **Continuously and Ongoing**	☒ **Other** Specify: Reviewed monthly by pulling a sample of claims from the two most utilized codes per waiver the 1st qtr., remaining qtrs. will include claims from other codes in the waiver, ranked by utilization.
	☐ **Other** Specify:	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis *(check each that applies):*	**Frequency of data aggregation and analysis***(check each that applies):*
☒ **State Medicaid Agency**	☐ **Weekly**
☐ **Operating Agency**	☐ **Monthly**

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis *(check each that applies):*	**Frequency of data aggregation and analysis***(check each that applies):*
☐ **Sub-State Entity**	☒ **Quarterly**
☐ **Other** Specify:	☐ **Annually**
	☐ **Continuously and Ongoing**
	☐ **Other** Specify:

Performance Measure:
FA-a3: Number and percent of claims that are reimbursed according to the Iowa Administrative Code approved rate methodology for waiver services provided.
Numerator: Number of claims that are reimbursed according to the Iowa Administrative Code approved rate methodology for waiver services provided;
Denominator: Number of paid claims

Data Source (Select one):
Financial records (including expenditures)
If 'Other' is selected, specify:
The DW Unit query pulls paid claims data for all seven of the HCBS waivers.

Responsible Party for data collection/generation *(check each that applies):*	**Frequency of data collection/generation** *(check each that applies):*	**Sampling Approach** *(check each that applies):*
☐ **State Medicaid Agency**	☐ **Weekly**	☒ **100% Review**
☐ **Operating Agency**	☒ **Monthly**	☐ **Less than 100% Review**
☐ **Sub-State Entity**	☐ **Quarterly**	☐ **Representative Sample** Confidence Interval =
☒ **Other** Specify:	☐ **Annually**	☐ **Stratified** Describe Group:

Contracted Entity		
	☐ **Continuously and Ongoing**	☐ **Other** Specify:
	☐ **Other** Specify:	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis *(check each that applies):*	**Frequency of data aggregation and analysis***(check each that applies):*
☒ **State Medicaid Agency**	☐ **Weekly**
☐ **Operating Agency**	☐ **Monthly**
☐ **Sub-State Entity**	☒ **Quarterly**
☐ **Other** Specify:	☐ **Annually**
	☐ **Continuously and Ongoing**
	☐ **Other** Specify:

Performance Measure:
FA-a2: Number and percent of clean claims that are paid by the managed care organizations within the timeframes specified in the contract. Numerator: number of clean claims that are paid by the managed care organization within the timeframes specified in the contract; Denominator: number of Managed Care provider claims.

Data Source (Select one):
Financial records (including expenditures)
If 'Other' is selected, specify:
Claims Data Adjudicated claims summary, claims aging summary, and claims lag report

Responsible Party for data collection/generation *(check each that applies):*	**Frequency of data collection/generation** *(check each that applies):*	**Sampling Approach** *(check each that applies):*
☐ **State Medicaid Agency**	☐ **Weekly**	☒ **100% Review**
☐ **Operating Agency**	☐ **Monthly**	☐ **Less than 100% Review**
☐ **Sub-State Entity**	☒ **Quarterly**	☐ **Representative Sample** Confidence Interval =
☒ **Other** Specify: Contracted Entity including MCO	☐ **Annually**	☐ **Stratified** Describe Group:
	☐ **Continuously and Ongoing**	☐ **Other** Specify:
	☐ **Other** Specify:	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis *(check each that applies):*	**Frequency of data aggregation and analysis***(check each that applies):*
☒ **State Medicaid Agency**	☐ **Weekly**
☐ **Operating Agency**	☐ **Monthly**
☐ **Sub-State Entity**	☒ **Quarterly**
☐ **Other** Specify:	☐ **Annually**

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis *(check each that applies):*	**Frequency of data aggregation and analysis***(check each that applies):*
	☐ **Continuously and Ongoing**
	☐ **Other** Specify:

b. ***Sub-assurance: The state provides evidence that rates remain consistent with the approved rate methodology throughout the five year waiver cycle.***

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
FA-b1: Number and percent of capitation payments to the MCOs that are made in accordance with the CMS approved actuarially sound rate methodology. Numerator: # of capitation payments to the MCOs that are made in accordance with the CMS approved actuarially sound rate methodology; Denominator: # of capitation payments to the MCO's.

Data Source (Select one):
Financial records (including expenditures)
If 'Other' is selected, specify:
MMIS

Responsible Party for data collection/generation *(check each that applies):*	**Frequency of data collection/generation** *(check each that applies):*	**Sampling Approach** *(check each that applies):*
☐ **State Medicaid Agency**	☐ **Weekly**	☒ **100% Review**
☐ **Operating Agency**	☐ **Monthly**	☐ **Less than 100% Review**
☐ **Sub-State Entity**	☒ **Quarterly**	☐ **Representative Sample**

		Confidence Interval =
☒ **Other** Specify: contracted entity	☐ **Annually**	☐ **Stratified** Describe Group:
	☐ **Continuously and Ongoing**	☐ **Other** Specify:
	☐ **Other** Specify:	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis *(check each that applies):*	**Frequency of data aggregation and analysis***(check each that applies):*
☒ **State Medicaid Agency**	☐ **Weekly**
☐ **Operating Agency**	☐ **Monthly**
☐ **Sub-State Entity**	☒ **Quarterly**
☐ **Other** Specify:	☐ **Annually**
	☐ **Continuously and Ongoing**
	☐ **Other** Specify:

ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the

State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

The Program Integrity unit samples provider claims each quarter for quality. These claims are cross-walked with service documentation to determine the percentage of error associated with coding and documentation. This data is reported on a quarterly basis.

MCO claims data is compared to the contractual obligations for MCO timeliness of clean claim payments. Data is provided to the HCBS staff as well as to the Bureau of Managed Care.

MCO contractual definition of a clean claim: A claim that has no defect or impropriety (including any lack of required substantiating Documentation) or particular circumstance requiring special treatment that prevents timely payment of the claim. It does not include a claim from a provider who is under investigation for fraud or abuse or a claim under review for medical necessity

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

i. Describe the States method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the state to document these items.

When the Program Integrity unit discovers situations where providers are missing documentation to support billing or coded incorrectly, monies are recouped and technical assistance is given to prevent future occurrence. When the lack of supporting documentation and incorrect coding appears to be pervasive, the Program Integrity Unit may review additional claims, suspend the provider payments; require screening of all claims, referral to MFCU, or provider suspension.

The data gathered from this process is stored in the Program Integrity tracking system and reported to the state on a quarterly basis.

If during the review of capitation payments Iowa Medicaid determines that a capitation was made in error, that claim is adjusted to create a corrected payment.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

Responsible Party*(check each that applies):*	**Frequency of data aggregation and analysis** *(check each that applies):*
☒ **State Medicaid Agency**	☐ **Weekly**
☐ **Operating Agency**	☐ **Monthly**
☐ **Sub-State Entity**	☒ **Quarterly**
☐ **Other** Specify:	☐ **Annually**
	☐ **Continuously and Ongoing**
	☐ **Other** Specify:

c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Financial Accountability that are currently non-operational.

- (●) **No**
- ( ) **Yes**

  Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Financial Accountability, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix I: Financial Accountability

I-2: Rates, Billing and Claims (1 of 3)

a. Rate Determination Methods. In two pages or less, describe the methods that are employed to establish provider payment rates for waiver services and the entity or entities that are responsible for rate determination. Indicate any opportunity for public comment in the process. If different methods are employed for various types of services, the description may group services for which the same method is employed. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available upon request to CMS through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

441 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 79.1 sets forth the principles governing reimbursement of providers of medical and health services. Specifically, “the basis of payment for services rendered by providers of services participating in the medical assistance program is either a system based on the provider’s allowable costs of operation or a fee schedule. Providers of service must accept reimbursement based upon HHS Iowa Medicaid’s methodology without making any additional charge to the member. Reimbursement types are described at 441 IAC 79.1(1),

Supported community living rates are based on a retrospectively limited prospective rate configured Iowa Medicaid's rate setting unit in coordination with the provider.
Retrospectively limited prospective rates. Providers are reimbursed on the basis of a rate for a unit of service calculated prospectively for each participating provider (and, for supported community living daily rates, for each consumer or site) based on projected or historical costs of operation subject to the maximums listed in subrule 79.1(2) and to retrospective adjustment pursuant to subparagraph 79.1(1)“e”(3).
(1) The prospective rates for new providers who have not submitted six months of cost reports will be based on a projection of the provider’s reasonable and proper costs of operation until the provider has submitted an annual cost report that includes a minimum of six months of actual costs.
(2) The prospective rates paid established providers who have submitted an annual report with a minimum of a six-month history are based on reasonable and proper costs in a base period and are adjusted annually for inflation.
(3) The prospective rates paid to both new and established providers are subject to the maximums listed in subrule 79.1(2) and to retrospective adjustment based on the provider’s actual, current costs of operation as shown by financial and statistical reports submitted by the provider. If a BI Waiver provider’s payments for Medicaid-covered services exceed the actual Medicaid costs for services adjusted for the legislative inflation percentage, HHS Iowa Medicaid will recoup the overpayment by requiring the BI Waiver provider will return an amount equal to the overpayment to the Iowa Medicaid, and Iowa Medicaid will make an offsetting adjustment to the CMS-64

The base rates for intermittent SCL is recalculated no less than every three years. Rates where rebased using the 2022 financial and statistical report. The base rates will be recalculated based on the reasonable and proper costs of operation for the provider’s fiscal year ending on or after January 1, 2024

PERS, behavior programming, family counseling and training, adult day care, case management, medical day care for children, enabling technology, prevocational service, supported employment, respite, specialized medical equipment, HVM, transportation and FMS are reimbursed by fee schedules.
Respite provided by home health agencies is based on the provider’s rate in effect 6/30/16 plus 1%, converted to a 15 minute rate. If no 6/30/16 rate: Lesser of maximum Medicare rate in effect 6/30/16 plus 1%, converted to a 15 minute rate or maximum Medicaid rate in effect 6/30/16 plus 1% converted to a 15 minute rate. Variations in fee schedule rates for Respite services are based on the type of provider delivering the respite services.

Individual and Agency Consumer Directed Attendant Care (CDAC) (Skilled and Unskilled) providers are reimbursed on the basis of the agreement of the member and the provider. The rate determination for self-directed services, under CCO, are reimbursed according to the methodology in section E-1-a. CDAC services, individual and agency, are reimbursed at a rate agreed upon between the CDAC provider and the member, not to exceed the upper payment limit in IAC.

For the FMS and ISB services, the IM sets the upper rate limit for those services as established in IAC 441-79.1(2).

IMMT rates are established two ways and is based on the enrollment type of the IMMT provider. IMMT services provided by a supported community living provider is a retrospectively limited prospective rate as noted for SCL provided in 15 minute units above. IMMT provided by a home health agency is a cost based rate for home health aide services provided by a home health agency. The difference in how rates are developed for IMMT is due to the use of existing rate setting methodologies for services similar to IMMT. An SCL provider will use the same rate setting methodology for IMMT as it does for SCL 15 minute units since the service costs for both SCL and IMMT are the same or very similar. Iowa Medicaid utilizes claim system edits to prevent payment to the SCL/IMMT providers for IMMT and daily SCL on the same date of service. HHS Iowa Medicaid uses different Healthcare common procedure codes and level II modifiers to distinguish the IMMT service rendered by a daily SCL provider and the daily SCL service rendered by the same provider. IMMT provided by a home health agency will use the same rate setting methodology used for a home health aide as they would be the same or similar cost for providing IMMT.

For services and items that are furnished under Part B of Medicare, the fee shall be the lowest charge allowed under Medicare. For services and items that are furnished only under Medicaid, the fee shall be the lowest charge determined by

HHS Iowa Medicaid according to the Medicare reimbursement method described in section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m), payment for durable medical equipment. Payment for supplies with no established Medicare fee shall be at the average wholesale price for the item less 10 percent. Payment for items with no Medicare fee, Medicaid fee, or average wholesale price shall be made at the manufacturer's suggested retail price less 15 percent.

Payment for items with no Medicare fee, Medicaid fee, average wholesale price, or manufacturer's suggested retail price shall be made at the dealer's cost plus 10 percent. For selected medical services, supplies, and equipment, including equipment servicing, that generally do not vary significantly in quality from one provider to another, the payment shall be the lowest price for which such devices are widely and consistently available in a locality. Payment for used equipment shall not exceed 80 percent of the purchase allowance. No allowance shall be made for delivery, freight, postage, or other the CDAC and CCO services were set in accordance with 441 IAC 79.1(1):c.

Fee schedules are determined by HHS Iowa Medicaid with advice and consultation from the appropriate professional group at the time the fee schedule is first developed. Individual service rate adjustments are made periodically to correct any rate inequity. With the ID waiver, this is a legislative appropriation process through provider association and individual providers lobbying efforts. The legislature can direct IM to increase or decrease rates through a legislative mandate. There is no set cycle for the Legislature to change rates. The IM will change the IAC Rules accordingly. All provider rates are part of IAC and are subject to public comment any time there is a rate rule change. Information is on the website and is distributed to stakeholders when there is a change. Rate determination methods are set forth in IAC and subject to the State's Administrative Procedures Act, which requires a minimum twenty-day public comment period. How the State solicits public comments on rate determination methods can be found in Main, section 6-I. When the legislature appropriates increases for provider agency reimbursement rates the CCO rates for waiver services are increased by the same percentage.

During service plan development, the CM shares with the member the rates of the providers, and the member can choose a provider based on their rates. When a service is authorized in a member's service plan, the providers receive a Notice of Decision, which indicates the participant's name, provider's name, service to be provided, the dates of service to be provided, units of service authorized, and reimbursement rate for the service.

HCBS reimbursement methodologies are reviewed every five years, at a minimum. When the department reviews reimbursement levels for adequacy; historical experience, current reimbursement levels, experiences in other states, and network adequacy are considered. The results of the benchmarking indicate whether the rates are adequate to maintain an ample provider network or if legislative appropriation is necessary to increase or align rates.

Oversight of the rate determination process is conducted by Iowa Medicaid. The Iowa Medicaid Provider Cost Audit and Rate Setting unit, compiles the data needed to complete the rate calculations, prepares the report, performs the review of calculations and reports, and submits the report to Iowa Medicaid for review and approval. Iowa Medicaid budget analyst and actuary review the rate calculations to determine accuracy.

MCO capitation rate development methodologies are described in the §1915(b) waiver and associated materials. MCO rates are blended between fee-for-service and managed care capitated payments based on the anticipated percentage of unduplicated participants per delivery system.

Effective November 1, 2023, new services medical day care for children and enabling technology for remote support are reimbursed by fee schedule.

Effective November 1, 2023, the following services may be rendered via telehealth under this waiver: Behavioral Programming, Case Management, SCL, and SE. When services are delivered via telehealth, reimbursement is the same as if the services were rendered in person.

The services under the Brain Injury waiver are limited to additional services not otherwise covered under the state plan, including EPSDT, but consistent with waiver objectives of avoiding institutionalization.

b. Flow of Billings. Describe the flow of billings for waiver services, specifying whether provider billings flow directly from providers to the state's claims payment system or whether billings are routed through other intermediary entities. If billings flow through other intermediary entities, specify the entities:

For fee-for-service members, providers shall submit claims on a monthly basis for waiver services provided to each member served by the provider agency. Providers may submit manual or electronic claim forms. Electronic claims must utilize a HIPAA compliant software, and shall be processed by the Iowa Medicaid Provider Services Unit. Manual claims shall be directed to the Iowa Medicaid/Provider Services Unit.

The FMS is responsible to process and pay invoices for approved goods and services included in the CCO participant's written individual budgets, maintain documentation and monitor that payments are reflected in the consumer's written individual budget. ". All support employees that a CCO participant hires must complete time cards and submit them to the FMS in order to be paid for services. All other goods and services purchased that are listed in the member's CCO budget must be submitted to the FMS with a receipt or invoice in order for payment to be made

Providers shall submit a claim form that accurately reflects the following: (1) the provider's approved NPI provider number; (2) the appropriate waiver procedure code(s) that correspond to the waiver services authorized in the IoWANS service plan; and (3) the appropriate waiver service unit(s) and fee that corresponds to the IoWANS service plan. The member's name and state Medicaid identification number is required on all claim forms.

Iowa Medicaid issues provider payments weekly on each Monday of the month. The MMIS system edits insure that payment will not be made for services that are not included in an approved IoWANS service plan. Any change to IoWANS data generates a new authorization milestones for the case manager or health home care coordinator. The IoWANS process culminates in a final IoWANS milestone that verifies an approved service plan has been entered into IoWANS. IoWANS data is updated daily into MMIS.

For MCO members, providers bill the managed care entity with whom a member is enrolled in accordance with the terms of the provider's contract with the MCO. Providers may not bill Medicaid directly for services provided to MCO members.

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c. Certifying Public Expenditures *(select one)*:

- (●) **No. state or local government agencies do not certify expenditures for waiver services.**
- ( ) **Yes. state or local government agencies directly expend funds for part or all of the cost of waiver services and certify their state government expenditures (CPE) in lieu of billing that amount to Medicaid.**

***Select at least one*:**

☐ **Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) of State Public Agencies.**

Specify: (a) the state government agency or agencies that certify public expenditures for waiver services; (b) how it is assured that the CPE is based on the total computable costs for waiver services; and, (c) how the state verifies that the certified public expenditures are eligible for Federal financial participation in accordance with 42 CFR §433.51(b).*(Indicate source of revenue for CPEs in Item I-4-a.)*

☐ **Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) of Local Government Agencies.**

Specify: (a) the local government agencies that incur certified public expenditures for waiver services; (b) how it is assured that the CPE is based on total computable costs for waiver services; and, (c) how the state verifies that the certified public expenditures are eligible for Federal financial participation in accordance with 42 CFR §433.51(b). *(Indicate source of revenue for CPEs in Item I-4-b.)*

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I-2: Rates, Billing and Claims (3 of 3)

d. Billing Validation Process. Describe the process for validating provider billings to produce the claim for federal financial participation, including the mechanism(s) to assure that all claims for payment are made only: (a) when the individual was eligible for Medicaid waiver payment on the date of service; (b) when the service was included in the participant's approved service plan; and, (c) the services were provided:

The MMIS system edits to make sure that claim payments are made only when a member is eligible for waiver payments and when the services are included in the service plan. An member is eligible for a Medicaid Waiver payment on the date of service as verified in IoWANS. The billing validation method includes the date the service was provided, time of service provision, and name of actual member providing the service. Several entities monitor the validity of claim payments: (1) case manager, or health home coordinator ensures that the services were provided by reviewing paid claims information made available to them for each of their members through IoWANS; (2) the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Purchased Services performs financial audits of providers to ensure that the services were provided; (3) the Iowa Medicaid Program Integrity Unit performs a variety of reviews by either random sample or outlier algorithms.

The MMIS system includes system edits to ensure that prior to issuing a capitation payment to an MCO the member is eligible for the waiver program and is enrolled with the MCO. MCOs must implement system edits to ensure that claim payments are made only when the member is eligible for waiver payments on the date of service. The MCOs are required to develop and maintain an electronic community-based case management system that captures and tracks service delivery against authorized services and providers. The State monitors MCO compliance and system capability through pre-implementation readiness reviews and ongoing monitoring such as a review of sampled payments to ensure that services were provided and were included in the member’s approved plan of care. The MCOs are also responsible for program integrity functions with HHS review and oversight.

When inappropriate billings are discovered (i.e.: overpayments determined) the provider is notified in writing of the overpayment determination. The provider either submits a refund check to the Iowa Medicaid or the overpayment is set as a credit balance within the MMIS. Future claim payments are then used to reduce and eliminate the credit balance.

Meanwhile, the overpayments are recorded and reported to the state data warehouse using an end-of-month A/R reporting process. Any overpayments determined during a particular month are reported for that month. Any recoveries of these overpayments are similarly recorded and reported to the state data warehouse using the same end-of-month A/R process and for the month in which the recoveries were made. The dates on which the respective overpayments occurred and the recoveries made are part of this month-end A/R reporting. Bureau of Fiscal Management staff then extracts this reporting from the data warehouse to construct the CMS-64 report, the official accounting report submitted by the Department to CMS (the state's claiming mechanism for FFP). The CMS-64 report shows CMS what Iowa's net expenditures are for the quarter and is used to determine a final claim of federal funds. The federal-dollar share of any overpayments not recovered within 12 months of the payment itself must be returned to CMS and this is accomplished through the CMS-64 report as well.

For the Consumer Choice's Option, the FMS is responsible to provide to the department, the independent support broker, and the member monthly and quarterly status reports that include a summary of expenditures paid and amount of budget unused. The FMS is responsible for monitoring timecards, receipts, and invoices to ensure that they are consistent with the individual budget. Keep records of all timecards and invoices for each member for a total of five years and provide to the department an annual independent audit of the financial management service.

As described in I-1, EVV is currently only applicable to PCS delivered under managed care. The EVV system assists the managed care plans in validating the provision of services and monitoring the accuracy of payments for waiver services to providers. The EVV vendor reviews all service documentation entries prior to submitting the claims for payment to the MCOs. Iowa requires that Managed Care Organizations have EVV information for all required PCS and Home Health Care services. Iowa reviews aggregate EVV compliance reports to understand utilization trends and EVV compliance. The following 1915(c) waiver service codes for EVV are: S5125 - Attendant Care Services Per 15 Minutes, T1019 - Personal Care Services Per 15 Minutes, T1002-IMMT HHA RN Services 15 Minutes, T1003-IMMT HHA LPN/LVN Services Up To 15 Minutes, and T1004-IMMT SCL 15 Minutes.

Prevention of member coercion:
The case managers, IHH care coordinators, and MCO CCBCMs are responsible for conducting the interdisciplinary team for each member and ensuring the unencumbered right of the member to choose the provider for each service that will meet the member's needs.

The HCBS Unit completes the Iowa Personal Experience Survey to a random sample of members. A specific survey question relates to the members’ ability to choose their providers. Any indication coercion will result in followup action by the HCBS staff.

Iowa Medicaid HCBS Unit observes a random sample of interdisciplinary team (IDT) meetings conducted by MCO Community Based Managers. This allows the HCBS Unit to note any member coercion in choice of providers. HCBS staff then requests the final service plan to ensure that the final plan does include the services, units and providers chosen by the member. Any changes and omissions require followup by the HCBS staff for resolution by the MCO.

As part of the EQR process, the contractor performs onsite reviews of the MCOs that include processes that impact BI Waiver providers and members. Reviews include credentialing files, critical processes such as service authorization validation, claims processing, training and care coordination.

e. Billing and Claims Record Maintenance Requirement. Records documenting the audit trail of adjudicated claims (including supporting documentation) are maintained by the Medicaid agency, the operating agency (if applicable), and providers of waiver services for a minimum period of 3 years as required in 45 CFR §92.42.

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a. Method of payments -- MMIS (*select one*):

- ○ **Payments for all waiver services are made through an approved Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).**
- ◉ **Payments for some, but not all, waiver services are made through an approved MMIS.**

Specify: (a) the waiver services that are not paid through an approved MMIS; (b) the process for making such payments and the entity that processes payments; (c) and how an audit trail is maintained for all state and federal funds expended outside the MMIS; and, (d) the basis for the draw of federal funds and claiming of these expenditures on the CMS-64:

Payments for waiver services for fee-for-service enrollees are made by HHS through the MMIS. For fee-for-service members, providers shall submit claims on a monthly basis for waiver services provided to each member served by the provider agency. Providers may submit manual or electronic claim forms. Electronic claims must utilize a HIPAA compliant software, and shall be processed by the Iowa Medicaid Provider Services Unit. Manual claims shall be directed to the Iowa Medicaid Provider Services Unit. Providers shall submit a claim form that accurately reflects the following: (1) the provider's approved NPI provider number; (2) the appropriate waiver procedure code(s) that correspond to the waiver services authorized in the IoWANS service plan; and (3) the appropriate waiver service unit(s) and fee that corresponds to the IoWANS service plan.

For CCO enrollees the Financial Management Service (FMS) provider receives Medicaid funds on behalf of the member based on the member's approved monthly budget. The FMS is the employer of record and performs all of the following services:
•Receive Medicaid funds in an electronic transfer.
•Process and pay invoices for approved goods and services included in the individual budget.
•Enter the individual budget into the Web-based tracking system chosen by the department and enter expenditures as they are paid.
•Provide real-time individual budget account balances for the member, the independent support broker, and the department, available at a minimum during normal business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).
•Conduct criminal background checks on potential employees pursuant to 441—Chapter 119.
•Verify for the member an employee’s citizenship or alien status.
•Assist with fiscal and payroll-related responsibilities including, but not limited to:
•Verifying that hourly wages comply with federal and state labor rules.
•Collecting and processing timecards.
•Withholding, filing, and paying federal, state and local income taxes, Medicare and Social Security (FICA) taxes, and federal (FUTA) and state (SUTA) unemployment and disability insurance taxes, as applicable.
•Computing and processing other withholdings, as applicable.
•Processing all judgments, garnishments, tax levies, or other withholding on an employee’s pay as may be required by federal, state, or local laws.
•Preparing and issuing employee payroll checks.
•Preparing and disbursing IRS Forms W-2 and W-3 annually.
•Processing federal advance earned income tax credit for eligible employees.
•Refunding over-collected FICA, when appropriate.
•Refunding over-collected FUTA, when appropriate.
•Assist the member in completing required federal, state, and local tax and insurance forms.
•Establish and manage documents and files for the member and the member’s employees.
•Monitor timecards, receipts, and invoices to ensure that they are consistent with the individual budget. Keep records of all timecards and invoices for each member for a total of five years.
•Provide to the department, the independent support broker, and the member monthly and quarterly status reports that include a summary of expenditures paid and amount of budget unused.
•Establish an accessible customer service system and a method of communication for the member and the independent support broker that includes alternative communication formats.
•Establish a customer services complaint reporting system.
•Develop a policy and procedures manual that is current with state and federal regulations and update as necessary.
•Develop a business continuity plan in the case of emergencies and natural disasters.
•Provide to the department an annual independent audit of the FMS
•Assist in implementing the state’s quality management strategy related to the FMS.

Iowa Medicaid issues provider payments weekly on each Monday of the month. The MMIS system edits insure that payment will not be made for services that are not included in an approved IoWANS service plan. Any change to IoWANS data generates a new authorization milestone for the case manager or health home care coordinator. The IoWANS process culminates in a final IoWANS milestone that verifies an approved service plan has been entered into IoWANS. IoWANS data is updated daily into MMIS.
For payments made by Iowa Medicaid: Providers are informed about the process for billing Medicaid directly through annual provider training, Iowa Medicaid informational bulletins, and the Iowa Medicaid provider manual. When a provider has been enrolled as a Medicaid provider, Iowa Medicaid Provider Services mails the provider an enrollment packet that includes how the provider can bill Medicaid directly. The Provider billing manual is also available on the Iowa HHS website at: http://hhs.iowa.gov/policy-manuals/medicaid-provider.

Capitation payments to MCOs are made by the MMIS. The MMIS has recipient eligibility and MCO assignment information. When a recipient is enrolled in an MCO, this is reflected on his/her eligibility file and monthly payment flows from the MMIS to the MCO via an 837 transaction. A monthly payment to the MCO on behalf of each member for the provision of health services under the contract. Payment is made regardless of whether the member receives services during the month.

The claim details submitted for payment is reviewed and reconciled by Iowa Medicaid and supporting claim detail is maintained. Payment for these services is recorded in the state's accounting system. The accounting records and claim detail provide the audit trail for these payments.

○ **Payments for waiver services are not made through an approved MMIS.**

Specify: (a) the process by which payments are made and the entity that processes payments; (b) how and through which system(s) the payments are processed; (c) how an audit trail is maintained for all state and federal funds expended outside the MMIS; and, (d) the basis for the draw of federal funds and claiming of these expenditures on the CMS-64:

○ **Payments for waiver services are made by a managed care entity or entities. The managed care entity is paid a monthly capitated payment per eligible enrollee through an approved MMIS.**

Describe how payments are made to the managed care entity or entities:

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b. Direct payment. In addition to providing that the Medicaid agency makes payments directly to providers of waiver services, payments for waiver services are made utilizing one or more of the following arrangements (*select at least one*):

☐ **The Medicaid agency makes payments directly and does not use a fiscal agent (comprehensive or limited) or a managed care entity or entities.**

☐ **The Medicaid agency pays providers through the same fiscal agent used for the rest of the Medicaid program.**

☒ **The Medicaid agency pays providers of some or all waiver services through the use of a limited fiscal agent.**

Specify the limited fiscal agent, the waiver services for which the limited fiscal agent makes payment, the functions that the limited fiscal agent performs in paying waiver claims, and the methods by which the Medicaid agency oversees the operations of the limited fiscal agent:

For payments made by Iowa Medicaid:
Providers are informed about the process for billing Medicaid directly through annual provider training, Iowa Medicaid informational bulletins, and the Iowa Medicaid provider manual.

When a provider has been enrolled as a Medicaid provider, Iowa Medicaid Provider Services mails the provider an enrollment packet that includes how the provider can bill Medicaid directly. The Provider billing manual is also available on the Iowa HHS website at: http://hhs.iowa.gov/policy-manuals/medicaid-provider.

Providers through the Consumer Choices Option (CCO) program are issued instructions on billing through the FMS. Iowa Medicaid identifies the Financial Management Service (FMS) provider as the limited fiscal agent. MMIS will not allow payment for services authorized through CCO. The state's fiscal agent is Veridian Fiscal Solutions for the Consumer Choices Option. Veridian Fiscal Solutions is an enrolled Medicaid waiver FMS provider.

Payment for services by the FMS include: CDAC (unskilled), adult day care, HVM, prevocational services, individual respite, specialized medical equipment, SCL, SE, and transportation services.

The FMS shall perform all of the following functions:
(1) Receive Medicaid funds in an electronic transfer.
(2) Process and pay invoices for approved goods and services included in the individual budget.
(3) Enter the individual budget into the Web-based tracking system chosen by the department and enter expenditures as they are paid.
(4) Provide real-time individual budget account balances for the member, the independent support broker, and the department, available at a minimum during normal business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).
(5) Conduct criminal background checks on potential employees pursuant to 441—Chapter 119.
(6) Verify for the member an employee's citizenship or alien status.
(7) Assist the member with fiscal and payroll-related responsibilities including, but not limited to:
1. Verifying that hourly wages comply with federal and state labor rules.
2. Collecting and processing timecards.
3. Withholding, filing, and paying federal, state and local income taxes, Medicare and Social Security (FICA) taxes, and federal (FUTA) and state (SUTA) unemployment and disability insurance taxes, as applicable.
4. Computing and processing other withholdings, as applicable.
5. Processing all judgments, garnishments, tax levies, or other withholding on an employee's pay as may be required by federal, state, or local laws.
6. Preparing and issuing employee payroll checks.
7. Preparing and disbursing IRS Forms W-2 and W-3 annually.
8. Processing federal advance earned income tax credit for eligible employees.
9. Refunding over-collected FICA, when appropriate.
10. Refunding over-collected FUTA, when appropriate.
(8) Assist the member in completing required federal, state, and local tax and insurance forms.
(9) Establish and manage documents and files for the member and the member's employees.
(10) Monitor timecards, receipts, and invoices to ensure that they are consistent with the individual budget. Keep records of all timecards and invoices for each member for a total of five years.
(11) Provide to the department, the independent support broker, and the member monthly and quarterly status reports that include a summary of expenditures paid and amount of budget unused.
(12) Establish an accessible customer service system and a method of communication for the member and the independent support broker that includes alternative communication formats.
(13) Establish a customer services complaint reporting system.
(14) Develop a policy and procedures manual that is current with state and federal regulations and update as necessary.
(15) Develop a business continuity plan in the case of emergencies and natural disasters.
(16) Provide to the department an annual independent audit of the financial management service.
(17) Assist in implementing the state's quality management strategy related to the financial management service."
This information is included in the amendment in Appendix E-1-a.

For MCO enrollees, for the self-direction option of the waivers, payments will be made to a financial management service, which will be designated by the state as an organized healthcare delivery system to make payments to the

entities providing support and goods for members that self-direct. The financial management service must meet provider qualifications established by the state and pass a readiness review approved by the state and be enrolled as a Medicaid provider with the state. The state will also oversee the operations of the financial management service by provide periodical audits.

Iowa Medicaid exercises oversight of the fiscal agent through both the IoWANS system and through our Core Unit. The Iowa Medicaid Core unit performs a myriad of functions for Iowa Medicaid including, but not limited to, processing and paying claims, handling mail, and reporting. This unit also maintains and updates the automated eligibility reporting system known as ELVS. Iowa Medicaid has regularly scheduled meetings with Core that has thresholds of measurements they are required to meet to assure quality.

☒ **Providers are paid by a managed care entity or entities for services that are included in the state's contract with the entity.**

Specify how providers are paid for the services (if any) not included in the state's contract with managed care entities.

N/A

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c. Supplemental or Enhanced Payments. Section 1902(a)(30) requires that payments for services be consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. Section 1903(a)(1) provides for Federal financial participation to states for expenditures for services under an approved state plan/waiver. Specify whether supplemental or enhanced payments are made. *Select one:*

◉ **No. The state does not make supplemental or enhanced payments for waiver services.**

○ **Yes. The state makes supplemental or enhanced payments for waiver services.**

Describe: (a) the nature of the supplemental or enhanced payments that are made and the waiver services for which these payments are made; (b) the types of providers to which such payments are made; (c) the source of the non-Federal share of the supplemental or enhanced payment; and, (d) whether providers eligible to receive the supplemental or enhanced payment retain 100% of the total computable expenditure claimed by the state to CMS. Upon request, the state will furnish CMS with detailed information about the total amount of supplemental or enhanced payments to each provider type in the waiver.

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d. Payments to state or Local Government Providers. *Specify whether state or local government providers receive payment for the provision of waiver services.*

○ **No. State or local government providers do not receive payment for waiver services.** Do not complete Item I-3-e.

◉ **Yes. State or local government providers receive payment for waiver services.** Complete Item I-3-e.

Specify the types of state or local government providers that receive payment for waiver services and the services that the state or local government providers furnish:

The two State Resource Centers (Woodward and Glenwood) are the only two state agencies that provide community based services on the Brain Injury waiver. They provide Supported Community Living, Supported Employment and Respite services.

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e. Amount of Payment to State or Local Government Providers.

Specify whether any state or local government provider receives payments (including regular and any supplemental payments) that in the aggregate exceed its reasonable costs of providing waiver services and, if so, whether and how the state recoups the excess and returns the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report. *Select one:*

- (●) **The amount paid to state or local government providers is the same as the amount paid to private providers of the same service.**
- ( ) **The amount paid to state or local government providers differs from the amount paid to private providers of the same service. No public provider receives payments that in the aggregate exceed its reasonable costs of providing waiver services.**
- ( ) **The amount paid to state or local government providers differs from the amount paid to private providers of the same service. When a state or local government provider receives payments (including regular and any supplemental payments) that in the aggregate exceed the cost of waiver services, the state recoups the excess and returns the federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report.**

Describe the recoupment process:

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f. Provider Retention of Payments. Section 1903(a)(1) provides that Federal matching funds are only available for expenditures made by states for services under the approved waiver. *Select one:*

- ( ) **Providers receive and retain 100 percent of the amount claimed to CMS for waiver services.**
- (●) **Providers are paid by a managed care entity (or entities) that is paid a monthly capitated payment.**

Specify whether the monthly capitated payment to managed care entities is reduced or returned in part to the state.

For fee-for-service enrollees, providers receive and retain 100% of the amount claimed to CMS for waiver services. The payment to capitated MCOs is reduced by a performance withhold amount as outlined in the contracts between HHS and the MCOs. The MCOs are eligible to receive some or all of the withheld funds based on the MCO's performance in the areas outlined in the contract between HHS and the MCOs.

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g. Additional Payment Arrangements

i. Voluntary Reassignment of Payments to a Governmental Agency. *Select one:*

◉ **No. The state does not provide that providers may voluntarily reassign their right to direct payments to a governmental agency.**

○ **Yes. Providers may voluntarily reassign their right to direct payments to a governmental agency as provided in 42 CFR §447.10(e).**

Specify the governmental agency (or agencies) to which reassignment may be made.

ii. Organized Health Care Delivery System. *Select one:*

○ **No. The state does not employ Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS) arrangements under the provisions of 42 CFR §447.10.**

◉ **Yes. The waiver provides for the use of Organized Health Care Delivery System arrangements under the provisions of 42 CFR §447.10.**

Specify the following: (a) the entities that are designated as an OHCDS and how these entities qualify for designation as an OHCDS; (b) the procedures for direct provider enrollment when a provider does not voluntarily agree to contract with a designated OHCDS; (c) the method(s) for assuring that participants have free choice of qualified providers when an OHCDS arrangement is employed, including the selection of providers not affiliated with the OHCDS; (d) the method(s) for assuring that providers that furnish services under contract with an OHCDS meet applicable provider qualifications under the waiver; (e) how it is assured that OHCDS contracts with providers meet applicable requirements; and, (f) how financial accountability is assured when an OHCDS arrangement is used:

Enrolled Medicaid providers can choose to subcontract to non-enrolled providers for the provision of Home and Vehicle Modifications. The authorization for the service and the Medicaid payment for the authorized service is made to the enrolled Medicaid provider that would then forward payment to the subcontractor in accordance with their contract.

Any subcontractor who is qualified to enroll with Iowa Medicaid is encouraged to do so. No provider is denied Medicaid enrollment for those services that they are qualified to provide. Waiver providers are not required to contract with an OHCDS in order to furnish services to members.

When the case manager or community-based case manager has assessed the need for any waiver service, the member is offered the full choice of available providers. The member has the right to choose from the available providers; the list of providers is available through the case manager or community-based case manager, and is also available through the Iowa Medicaid and MCO websites. In accordance with the Iowa Administrative Code, all subcontractors must meet the same criteria guidelines as enrolled providers and the contracting enrolled provider must confirm that all criteria is met.

The Financial Management Services entities are designated as an OHCDS as long as they meet provider qualifications as specified in C-3. The FMS is the only BI waiver provider designated as an OHCDS. Iowa Medicaid (the state Medicaid agency) executes a provider agreement with the OHCDS providers and MCOs contract with an Iowa Medicaid enrolled Financial Management Services solution. The Financial Management Services provided by the OHCDS is voluntary and an alternative billing and access is provided to both waiver members and providers. Members have free choice of providers both within the OHCDS and external to these providers. Providers may use the alternative certification and billing process developed by Iowa Medicaid. Members are given this information during their service plan development. Providers are given this information by the OHCDS. The Designated OHCDS reviews and certifies that established provider qualifications have been met for each individual or vendor receiving Medicaid reimbursement. Annually each provider will be recertified as a qualified provider.

Employer/employee agreements and timesheets document the services provided if waiver members elect to hire and manage their own workers. The purchase of goods and services is documented through receipts and/or invoices. For each purchase for fee-for-service members, Medicaid funding from the MMIS to the provider of the service is accurately and appropriately tracked through the use of Iowa's IoWANS system. Financial oversight and monitoring of the OHCDS is administered by the Iowa Medicaid through an initial readiness review to determine capacity to perform the waiver services and throughout the year using a reporting system, random case file studies and the regular Medicaid audit process. MCOs are contractually required to develop a system to track all OHCDS Financial Management Services, which is subject to HHS review and approval. Further, the MCOs maintain financial oversight and monitoring with ongoing review and authority retained by HHS.

A provider must enroll with Medicaid prior to being eligible to enroll with a managed care organization. They are not required to contract with a MCO as this is a provider/MCO contractual arrangement. However, Medicaid will notify the MCO of all providers eligible to provide services.

Each MCO has different systems that maintains authorized service plans. Many of the services are prior authorized and claims are adjudicated against the authorizations.

iii. Contracts with MCOs, PIHPs or PAHPs.

- ○ **The state does not contract with MCOs, PIHPs or PAHPs for the provision of waiver services.**
- ○ **The state contracts with a Managed Care Organization(s) (MCOs) and/or prepaid inpatient health plan(s) (PIHP) or prepaid ambulatory health plan(s) (PAHP) under the provisions of §1915(a)(1) of the Act for the delivery of waiver and other services. Participants may voluntarily elect to receive waiver and other services through such MCOs or prepaid health plans. Contracts with these health plans are on file at the state Medicaid agency.**

Describe: (a) the MCOs and/or health plans that furnish services under the provisions of §1915(a)(1); (b) the geographic areas served by these plans; (c) the waiver and other services furnished by these plans; and, (d)

how payments are made to the health plans.

◉ **This waiver is a part of a concurrent §1915(b)/§1915(c) waiver. Participants are required to obtain waiver and other services through a MCO and/or prepaid inpatient health plan (PIHP) or a prepaid ambulatory health plan (PAHP). The §1915(b) waiver specifies the types of health plans that are used and how payments to these plans are made.**

○ **This waiver is a part of a concurrent ?1115/?1915(c) waiver. Participants are required to obtain waiver and other services through a MCO and/or prepaid inpatient health plan (PIHP) or a prepaid ambulatory health plan (PAHP). The ?1115 waiver specifies the types of health plans that are used and how payments to these plans are made.**

○ **If the state uses more than one of the above contract authorities for the delivery of waiver services, please select this option.**

In the textbox below, indicate the contract authorities. In addition, if the state contracts with MCOs, PIHPs, or PAHPs under the provisions of §1915(a)(1) of the Act to furnish waiver services: Participants may voluntarily elect to receive waiver and other services through such MCOs or prepaid health plans. Contracts with these health plans are on file at the state Medicaid agency. Describe: (a) the MCOs and/or health plans that furnish services under the provisions of §1915(a)(1); (b) the geographic areas served by these plans; (c) the waiver and other services furnished by these plans; and, (d) how payments are made to the health plans.

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I-4: Non-Federal Matching Funds (1 of 3)

a. State Level Source(s) of the Non-Federal Share of Computable Waiver Costs. Specify the state source or sources of the non-federal share of computable waiver costs. *Select at least one*:

☒ **Appropriation of State Tax Revenues to the State Medicaid agency**

☐ **Appropriation of State Tax Revenues to a State Agency other than the Medicaid Agency.**

If the source of the non-federal share is appropriations to another state agency (or agencies), specify: (a) the state entity or agency receiving appropriated funds and (b) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement, and/or, indicate if the funds are directly expended by state agencies as CPEs, as indicated in Item I-2-c:

☐ **Other State Level Source(s) of Funds.**

Specify: (a) the source and nature of funds; (b) the entity or agency that receives the funds; and, (c) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement, and/or, indicate if funds are directly expended by state agencies as CPEs, as indicated in Item I-2-c:

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b. Local Government or Other Source(s) of the Non-Federal Share of Computable Waiver Costs. Specify the source or sources of the non-federal share of computable waiver costs that are not from state sources. *Select One*:

- (●) **Not Applicable**. There are no local government level sources of funds utilized as the non-federal share.
- ( ) **Applicable**

Check each that applies:

☐ **Appropriation of Local Government Revenues.**

Specify: (a) the local government entity or entities that have the authority to levy taxes or other revenues; (b) the source(s) of revenue; and, (c) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement (indicate any intervening entities in the transfer process), and/or, indicate if funds are directly expended by local government agencies as CPEs, as specified in Item I-2-c:

☐ **Other Local Government Level Source(s) of Funds.**

Specify: (a) the source of funds; (b) the local government entity or agency receiving funds; and, (c) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the state Medicaid agency or fiscal agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement, and/or, indicate if funds are directly expended by local government agencies as CPEs, as specified in Item I-2-c:

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I-4: Non-Federal Matching Funds (3 of 3)

c. Information Concerning Certain Sources of Funds. Indicate whether any of the funds listed in Items I-4-a or I-4-b that make up the non-federal share of computable waiver costs come from the following sources: (a) health care-related taxes or fees; (b) provider-related donations; and/or, (c) federal funds. *Select one*:

- (●) **None of the specified sources of funds contribute to the non-federal share of computable waiver costs**
- ( ) **The following source(s) are used**

Check each that applies:

☐ **Health care-related taxes or fees**

☐ **Provider-related donations**

☐ **Federal funds**

For each source of funds indicated above, describe the source of the funds in detail:

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I-5: Exclusion of Medicaid Payment for Room and Board

a. Services Furnished in Residential Settings. *Select one:*

- ○ **No services under this waiver are furnished in residential settings other than the private residence of the individual.**
- ◉ **As specified in Appendix C, the state furnishes waiver services in residential settings other than the personal home of the individual.**

b. Method for Excluding the Cost of Room and Board Furnished in Residential Settings. The following describes the methodology that the state uses to exclude Medicaid payment for room and board in residential settings:

As specified in Iowa Administrative Code, Iowa does not reimburse for room and board costs, except as noted for providers of out of home respite services. The provider manuals contain instructions for providers to follow when providing financial information to determine rates. It states that room and board cannot be included in the cost of providing services. Most respite payments are based upon fee schedules detailed in the Iowa Administrative Code. That fee schedule has no allowance for room and board charges. Respite provided by a home health agency is limited to the established Medicare rate.

The exclusion of room and board from reimbursement is ensured by the Provider Cost Audit Unit. When providers submit cost report documentation and rate setting changes, the Provider Cost Audit Unit accounts for all line items and requests justification for all allocated costs (administrative and other). If it is determined that a provider has attempted to include room and board expenses in cost audits or rate setting documentation, the provider is instructed to make the adjustment and further investigation is conducted to determine if previous reimbursement needs to be recouped by Iowa Medicaid.

All providers of waiver services are subject to a billing audit completed by the Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Purchased services.

Any payment from an MCO to residential settings is made explicitly for the provision of services as defined by this waiver and excludes room and board. As part of the ongoing monitoring process of MCOs, the State will ensure that payments to residential settings are based solely on service costs.

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I-6: Payment for Rent and Food Expenses of an Unrelated Live-In Caregiver

Reimbursement for the Rent and Food Expenses of an Unrelated Live-In Personal Caregiver. *Select one:*

- ◉ **No. The state does not reimburse for the rent and food expenses of an unrelated live-in personal caregiver who resides in the same household as the participant.**
- ○ **Yes. Per 42 CFR §441.310(a)(2)(ii), the state will claim FFP for the additional costs of rent and food that can be reasonably attributed to an unrelated live-in personal caregiver who resides in the same household as the waiver participant. The state describes its coverage of live-in caregiver in Appendix C-3 and the costs attributable to rent and food for the live-in caregiver are reflected separately in the computation of factor D (cost of waiver services) in Appendix J. FFP for rent and food for a live-in caregiver will not be claimed when the participant lives in the caregiver's home or in a residence that is owned or leased by the provider of Medicaid services.**

The following is an explanation of: (a) the method used to apportion the additional costs of rent and food attributable to the unrelated live-in personal caregiver that are incurred by the individual served on the waiver and (b) the method used to reimburse these costs:

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (1 of 5)

a. Co-Payment Requirements. Specify whether the state imposes a co-payment or similar charge upon waiver participants for waiver services. These charges are calculated per service and have the effect of reducing the total computable claim for federal financial participation. *Select one:*

- (●) **No. The state does not impose a co-payment or similar charge upon participants for waiver services.**
- ( ) **Yes. The state imposes a co-payment or similar charge upon participants for one or more waiver services.**

i. Co-Pay Arrangement.

Specify the types of co-pay arrangements that are imposed on waiver participants (*check each that applies*):

Charges Associated with the Provision of Waiver Services *(if any are checked, complete Items I-7-a-ii through I-7-a-iv):*

- [ ] **Nominal deductible**
- [ ] **Coinsurance**
- [ ] **Co-Payment**
- [ ] **Other charge**

Specify:

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (2 of 5)

a. Co-Payment Requirements.

ii. Participants Subject to Co-pay Charges for Waiver Services.

Answers provided in Appendix I-7-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (3 of 5)

a. Co-Payment Requirements.

iii. Amount of Co-Pay Charges for Waiver Services.

Answers provided in Appendix I-7-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (4 of 5)

a. Co-Payment Requirements.

iv. Cumulative Maximum Charges.

Answers provided in Appendix I-7-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (5 of 5)

b. Other State Requirement for Cost Sharing. Specify whether the state imposes a premium, enrollment fee or similar cost sharing on waiver participants. *Select one*:

- (●) **No. The state does not impose a premium, enrollment fee, or similar cost-sharing arrangement on waiver participants.**
- ( ) **Yes. The state imposes a premium, enrollment fee or similar cost-sharing arrangement.**

Describe in detail the cost sharing arrangement, including: (a) the type of cost sharing (e.g., premium, enrollment fee); (b) the amount of charge and how the amount of the charge is related to total gross family income; (c) the groups of participants subject to cost-sharing and the groups who are excluded; and, (d) the mechanisms for the collection of cost-sharing and reporting the amount collected on the CMS 64: