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**State Demonstrations Group**

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Dear Interim Director Curtiss:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a temporary extension of the state's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "Iowa Health and Wellness Plan" (IHAWP) (Project Number 11-W-00289/7), in order to allow the state and CMS to continue negotiations on the state's extension application submitted on June 26, 2024. This demonstration will now expire on November 30, 2025.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the state's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STCs) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs and waiver authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension period of this demonstration until November 30, 2025 or until the demonstration is extended, whichever is sooner.

For this temporary extension period, the state must continue to monitor its demonstration as stipulated in the current STCs. In addition, the state is required to include the temporary extension period in its demonstration's evaluation. The state may choose to include the temporary extension period within its summative evaluation for the demonstration approval period beginning January 1, 2020. In this case, the Summative Evaluation Report is due 18 months after the end of the temporary extension period. Alternatively, if CMS approves an extension beyond November 30, 2025, the state may choose to include the temporary extension period in the Evaluation Design and activities of the next full demonstration approval period.

Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Wanda Boone-Massey. Wanda is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration and can be reached at [Wanda.Boone-Massey@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Wanda.Boone-Massey@cms.hhs.gov). If you have questions regarding this communication, please contact me at [Karen.Llanos@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Karen.Llanos@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Acting Director

cc: Lee Herko, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group