

# Proposed Medicaid Expansion (IHAWP) Work Requirements

# Submission

- ▶ The state is requesting that CMS review and approve the work requirement demonstration amendment.
  - Submitted 1115 Amendment on June 6, 2025.
- ▶ Target approval date - January 1, 2026.
- ▶ HHS will carry out implementation activities throughout 2025-2026.
- ▶ Target date of implementing work requirements - April 1, 2026.

# Public Comment

- ▶ April 15 – May 15, 2025
- ▶ Public Comment Sessions
  - ▶ April 23 (in-person) – Urbandale
  - ▶ April 29 (in-person) – Marshalltown
  - ▶ April 30 – Tribal Consultation
- 72 comments submitted during two public hearings and one consultation
- 117 comments received via email from members of the public, advocates, and other interested parties

# HOME Project Updates

# Waitlists

- ▶ Preparation of transition materials to deliver all final policy decisions and supporting documentation by June 2025.
- ▶ Finalizing the future state process map to illustrate updated workflows and system support related to the waitlist.
- ▶ Drafting memos with recommendations for future communications regarding the waitlist.

# Assessments

- ▶ Iowa HHS is streamlining the assessment process to enhance consistency, simplicity, and person-centeredness. Two key changes took effect in 2025:
  1. Telligen now conducts all HCBS assessments; managed care organizations are no longer responsible for completing them.
  2. Individuals enrolled in the ID Waiver are now receiving InterRAI assessments, following the discontinuation of the previous tool.
- ▶ Publishing updates to the Iowa HHS assessment website in response to stakeholder feedback.

# Quality

- ▶ Quality Management System (QMS) development through:
  - Building beneficiary journey maps (six developed to date) and identifying derived quality measures.
  - Developing and implementing a decision aid to help determine next steps for derived measures that overlap with or closely resemble existing performance measures.

# REACH Initiative

- ▶ Drafted an outline of the QIA Plan to present to the Quality Subcommittee.
- ▶ Drafting an Assessment Tool memo and will be presented to the Assessment Tool Subcommittee.
- ▶ Development of new communication materials after an analysis of other state plans. (Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Ohio).