

**NOTICE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR STATE PLAN AMENDMENT**

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), pursuant to the public notice requirements of 42 CFR 447.205 gives notice of upcoming state plan amendments (SPA) for changes in Medicaid reimbursement, as part of the transition to IA Health Link, the State's Medicaid Managed Care program. DHS is seeking an April 1, 2016 effective date for these SPAs to align with the implementation date of IA Health Link.

Chronic Conditions Health Home

This SPA updates the payment methodologies for the State's Chronic Conditions Health Home program to incorporate the delivery of services through MCOs. The Medicaid fee schedule rate for health homes and the methodology for establishing the rate will not change as a result of this SPA. MCOs are required to utilize the Medicaid fee schedule rate in effect on July 1, 2015, as the floor when negotiating rates with providers. The fee schedule is available at <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/csrp/fee-schedule>. Additionally, information on the incentive payment reimbursement has been removed from the State Plan as this reimbursement methodology has not been implemented.

Integrated Health Home

This SPA updates the payment methodologies for the State's Integrated Health Home program to incorporate the delivery of services through MCOs. The Medicaid fee schedule rate for health homes and the methodology for establishing the rate will not change as a result of this SPA. MCOs are required to utilize the Medicaid fee schedule rate in effect on July 1, 2015, as the floor when negotiating rates with providers. The fee schedule is available at <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/csrp/fee-schedule>.

Habilitation Services - 1915(i) Home and Community Based Services State Plan Program

This SPA establishes a managed care delivery system for the State's home and community-based services 1915(i) habilitation program. Current eligibility criteria and covered benefits remain in place. MCOs will be responsible for the following functions for their enrolled membership: (i) assessment of needs-based eligibility; (ii) service plan review and authorization; (iii) claims payment; (iv) provider recruitment; (v) provider agreement execution; (vi) rate setting; and (vii) providing training and technical assistance to providers. This SPA is also removing references to the prior managed care contractor and updating the effective date of the fee-for-service claim reimbursement rate for services not paid under managed care.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of these SPAs is included in the overall savings projected for implementation of the Iowa High Quality Healthcare Initiative, and are estimated at \$176.4 million in annual state and federal savings based on SFY14 member months.

REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS & SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

This public notice and associated SPA pages are available for review at the DHS County Offices or online at <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/MedicaidModernization/federal-documents>. Questions or comments concerning the proposed changes identified on this public notice may be sent to:

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