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Re: Request for Amendment of Iowa's §1115 Waiver Demonstration: Iowa Family Planning Network, Project #11-W-00188/7

Dear Director Wachino:

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to submit an amendment request to its Family Planning Network §1115 Waiver Demonstration, which currently authorizes the State to provide assistance to individuals not otherwise enrolled in Medicaid. Services are currently provided through a fee-for-service delivery system; however, the proposed amendment seeks to establish a managed care delivery system under concurrent §1915(b) authority (submitted separately).

The State has recently submitted a §1915(b) waiver to establish a statewide managed care delivery system for the majority of Iowa Medicaid and waiver beneficiaries, including Demonstration participants. By requiring mandatory enrollment in managed care, the State will be positioned to improve care coordination among providers and incentivize active management of member's healthcare as a whole. Under the new delivery system, MCOs will be responsible for delivering all Demonstration covered benefits in a highly coordinated manner. The system is intended to integrate care and improve quality outcomes and efficiencies.

There are no other proposed changes to Demonstration enrollment, benefits, enrollee rights, cost sharing, evaluation design, sources of nonfederal share of funding, budget neutrality, or other comparable program elements. The requested effective date of this amendment is January 1, 2016, and is conditioned upon approval of the State's §1915(b) waiver to implement the Initiative, beginning January 1, 2016. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this waiver amendment request. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on approval. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mikki Stier".

Mikki Stier, MSHA, FACHE
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Enclosure: Iowa Family Planning Network (Project #11-W-00188/7) §1115 Demonstration
Amendment

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