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Re: Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Evergreen SPA

Dear Ms. Grubert:

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is submitting this letter to extend provisions enacted in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), as authorized in our current State Plan. Iowa initiated their unwinding period on February 1, 2023, and will complete unwinding efforts on June 1, 2024.

HHS seeks to extend the following flexibilities until January 1, 2024:

- Waive collection of premiums for all enrollees
- Waive the two-month premium lock out period for all enrollees

Additionally, HHS seeks to continue waiving collection of co-payments for all enrollees until June 1, 2024.

Effective January 1, 2024, Iowa will resume charging premiums to beneficiaries who have had a renewal in the past 12 months. The state will resume charging premiums on a rolling basis as renewals are conducted through the state's COVID-19 PHE unwinding period, scheduled to end June 1, 2024. Effective June 2, 2024, the state will resume the standard, approved state plan policies related to premium collection and terminations for failure to pay premiums.

HHS issued public notice June 12, 2023, regarding the temporary extension of the premium and copayment suspension. Additionally, Iowa will be issuing timely individual enrollee notices regarding premium reinstatement. The state will mail notices to families 10 days before reinstating premiums.

Thank you for your continued partnership on this important matter.

Sincerely,

/Signed by Elizabeth Matney/

Elizabeth Matney
Medicaid Director