

Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

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IA SPA 09-014

Charles Krogmeier, Director
Department of Human Services
Hoover State Office Building
1305 East Walnut, 5th Floor
Des Moines, Iowa 50319 – 0119

Dear Mr. Krogmeier:

On November 19, 2009, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's state plan amendment (SPA), transmittal #09-014, which implements presumptive eligibility for children pursuant to Section 1920A of the Social Security Act.

Based upon the revisions received, we are able to inform you that SPA 09-014 was approved on December 17, 2010, with an effective date of March 1, 2010. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as the approved pages for incorporation into the Iowa State plan.

In the course of evaluating this SPA we became aware of Iowa's intention to collect information regarding citizenship and immigration status on the application for presumptive eligibility. We would like to remind you that income is the only factor of eligibility that is required to be evaluated in the determination of presumptive eligibility (1920(b)(1)(A) & 1920A(b)(2)(A)). States that grant presumptive eligibility (even if based on income information alone) are entitled to FFP for the PE period (1903(u)(1)(D)(v)) even if the individuals are later found ineligible for Medicaid or CHIP. Thus, we encourage you to remove the questions regarding citizenship and immigration status from the PE application.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please call Barbara Cotterman at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mandy L. Hanks
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Enclosure

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