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Charles M. Palmer, Director
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Dear Mr. Palmer:

On March 23, 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's State Plan Amendment (SPA), transmittal #12-04 through which the State is implementing Health Homes through section 2703 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

This SPA is approved June 7, 2012 with an effective date of July 1, 2012. In accordance with the statutory provisions at section 1945(c)(1) of the Social Security Act, for payments made to health home providers under State Plan Amendment IA-SPA# 12-04 during the first 8 fiscal year quarters that the State Plan Amendment is in effect, the Federal medical assistance percentage applicable to such payments shall be equal to 90 percent.

In addition, this approval is based on the State's agreement to implement and comply with CMS' core set of quality measures.

The State has indicated in SPA#12-04 of its intent to issue performance payments beginning July 1, 2013 to providers based on quality/performance benchmarks. This is notification to the State that it will be necessary to submit a State Plan Amendment prior to the implementation of performance payments for CMS review and approval.

Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as, the approved pages for incorporation into the Iowa State plan.

Please share with your staff my appreciation and a special "Thank you" for their time and effort throughout this process. If you have any questions regarding this state plan amendment, please contact Sandra Levels at Sandra.Levels@cms.hhs.gov or (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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