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Charles M. Palmer, Director
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Dear Mr. Palmer:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Kansas City Regional Office, has completed its review of Iowa State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 13-02. This SPA implements Health Homes as authorized under Section 2703 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The state plan pages for this SPA were submitted and approved through the Medicaid Model Data Lab. To qualify for enrollment in a health home, adult Medicaid participants must have a serious and persistent mental illness and children must have serious emotional disturbances. This SPA designates that a team of health care professionals, as described in Section 1945(h)(6) of the Social Security Act, is the health home provider.

This SPA is approved June 18, 2013, with an effective date of July 1, 2013. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as, the approved pages for incorporation into the Iowa State plan.

In accordance with the statutory provisions at Section 1945(c)(1) of the Social Security Act, for payments made to health home providers under this amendment, during the first eight fiscal quarters that the SPA is in effect, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) rate applicable to such payments shall be equal to 90 percent. The FMAP rate for payments made to health home providers will return to the state's published FMAP rate on July 1, 2015.

This approval is based on the state's agreement to collect and report information required for the evaluation of the health home model. States are also encouraged to report on the CMS' recommended core set of quality measures.

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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,

/s/

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Enclosure

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