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## Iowa Department of Human Services Announces Public Comment Period and Public Hearing Dates for Iowa Health and Wellness Plan

**DES MOINES, Iowa** —The Iowa Department of Human Services will release draft waivers for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan for the 30-day public comment period this afternoon.

The Iowa Health and Wellness Plan waiver documents may be viewed beginning on July 15, 2013, after 3:00 p.m. at: <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/iowa-health-and-wellness-plan.html>. The public may review the waivers and submit comments until August 15, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Additionally, dates for public hearings regarding the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan have been announced. Public hearings will be held:

July 29, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at River Place, Room 1  
2309 Euclid Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310

July 30, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. at Iowa Western College, Looft Hall Auditorium  
2700 College Rd., Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Written comments may be addressed to Maggie Reilly, Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA 50315. Comments may also be emailed to the attention of: **DHS, Iowa Health and Wellness Plan** at [DHSIMEHealthandWellnesPlan@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:DHSIMEHealthandWellnesPlan@dhs.state.ia.us) through **August 15, 2013**. To review public comments received, contact Maggie Reilly at the above email address.

The Iowa Health and Wellness Plan has made Iowa the national leader for patient outcomes for its Medicaid population. The Iowa Health and Wellness Plan modernizes Medicaid providing a national model for providing health care for low income individuals, while protecting taxpayers. Health outcomes are the top priority and will ensure Iowa's population as a whole becomes healthier. The Iowa Health and Wellness Plan has measures in place to encourage Iowans to take ownership over their health and health care.

The Iowa Health and Wellness Plan was passed by the Iowa Legislature in May 2013. The plan will provide health care coverage for Iowans ages 19-64 with income not exceeding 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) who are not eligible for Medicare or other Medicaid coverage. The plan will provide coverage to those with income up to and including 100 percent FPL through the Iowa Wellness Plan 1115 waiver. Those with income 101 percent FPL to 133 percent FPL will receive coverage through the Marketplace Choice 1115 waiver.

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