



## Iowa Health and Wellness Plan Waiver Approval

### Waiver Highlights

**Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Services (NEMT):** NEMT will not be a covered service for Iowa Wellness Plan or Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan members.

**Cost-Sharing Amount for Non-Emergent Use of Emergency Room:** The copayment of \$8 was approved for non-emergent use of the emergency room.

**Early Periodic Screening, Diagnoses, and Testing (EPSDT):** EPSDT will be covered for Iowa Wellness Plan and Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan members age 19 and 20.

**Retroactive Eligibility:** Iowa Wellness Plan and Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan will follow to existing Medicaid eligibility guidelines.

- Coverage Effective Date: First day of the month of application.
- Retroactive Eligibility: Up to three months of retroactive eligibility may be available. Eligibility cannot be made retroactive prior to the program beginning in January 2014.

### Key Points of Waiver Approval:

1. Premiums permitted for members with income 50-133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.
2. Premiums waived in the first year of eligibility, waived in future years for completing healthy behaviors.
3. Non-Emergency Medical Transportation is not covered for members.
4. Eligibility begins the first day of the month of application.

### Member Premiums

Member premiums apply starting in the second year of eligibility. **No premiums are required during the first year of eligibility.**

#### Premium Amounts

- Individuals with Income 0-50 Percent of the FPL: \$0 (no premiums)
- Individuals with Income 50-100 Percent of the FPL: \$5 per month
- Individuals with Income 100-133 Percent of the FPL: \$10 per month

#### Waiving Premiums

Premiums for all members will be waived in the first year of eligibility. All premiums will be waived in the following years if the member completes specified healthy behaviors in the year prior.

- Ex. If healthy behaviors are completed in 2014, no premiums would be required in 2015.
- Members may also claim hardship, if a hardship exists in the month.

#### Nonpayment of Premiums

- **Individuals with Income 50-100 Percent of the FPL:** Nonpayment of premiums will result in debt subject to collection by Iowa. No loss of coverage will occur, until the time of annual renewal.
- **Individuals with Income 100-133 Percent of the FPL:** Nonpayment of premiums will result in disenrollment from the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan.