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The Honorable Sylvia Burwell
Secretary
United State Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Burwell,

Attached to this letter is the Iowa application for a State Innovation Model testing grant. I support the SIM Model Testing Initiative. I am fully committed to a health care delivery and payment system that will improve population health and patient care while reducing health care costs for hardworking Iowa taxpayers.

Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) will lead the initiative under the direction of Charles Palmer, director of the Iowa Department of Human Services. The strategies in the application look to build on the success we have experienced in the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. Iowa plans to explore expanding its model of accountable care organizations to cover the full Medicaid population.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the Iowa proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Branstad", written over a horizontal line.

Terry Branstad
Governor

cc: Gabriel Nah, Grants Management Specialist