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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 919

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**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Home Health Agencies, Independent Labs, Intermediate Care Facilities and Intermediate Care Facility MR State Providers

**ISSUED BY:** Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

**RE:** Feedback Requested for Health IT Planning

**EFFECTIVE:** **Immediately**

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) requests your participation in an important step for the IME planning of provider incentive payments authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and in developing the Medicaid State Health Information Technology Plan.

To develop an effective plan, we need to understand your health IT preferences, perceived barriers and status of technology use in your practice.

Iowa e-Health is a public and private collaboration with a mission of improving health care quality, safety and efficiency through the use of health information technology (health IT). This includes electronic health records (EHRs) and other electronic clinical software to collect and store patient health information, and a statewide health information exchange (HIE) to share health records across the boundaries of health care settings.

Before the end of May, **each home health care organization in Iowa should have received an e-mail message** from the *University of Iowa Public Policy Center* asking you to complete an online Iowa e-Health assessment. The assessment includes questions regarding health IT capabilities, preferences, and perceived benefits and barriers. We ask that you help us by completing the online assessment. This will help ensure Home Health Care provider voices are heard in health IT planning and implementation. **If you have not received the *University of Iowa* e-mail, please call (800) 710-8891 or e-mail [peter-damiano@uiowa.edu](mailto:peter-damiano@uiowa.edu).**

Visit [www.idph.state.ia.us/ehealth](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/ehealth) for more information about Iowa e-Health and plans for the statewide HIE. Contact Kory Schnoor ([kschnoor@idph.state.ia.us](mailto:kschnoor@idph.state.ia.us) or 515-281-6068) for questions related to the assessment.

In addition to completing the survey, the IME is gauging the level of interest of Medicaid providers in the ARRA Medicaid incentive program. The IME is dedicated to reaching all eligible providers to ensure maximum participation in incentive distribution. If you are interested in learning more about the ARRA HIT Medicaid incentive program, or anticipate your organization will apply for EHR adoption incentives, please send an e-mail with your contact information to:

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