Request for a Renewal to a §1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

1. Major Changes

Describe any significant changes to the approved waiver that are being made in this renewal application:
The IME completed a project to discontinue the use of atypical billing codes by cross walking those codes to standardized CPT and HCPCs codes. Most of the waiver billing codes used by the State of Iowa were atypical codes. Because the unit definitions used by CPT and HCPCS codes frequently are different from the unit definitions used for Iowa's atypical codes, it is necessary to update the waiver application with the new service unit definitions, when applicable. Most of those changes were from a unit definition of one hour to a unit definition of 15-minutes. There have been changes to the waiver rules as contained in the Iowa Administrative Code that have standardized service descriptions among the waivers. While service description rules were standardized as much as possible, attention was still paid to the individual nuances that require specialization for a particular aspect for a waiver. Where applicable, those description changes have been incorporated into this renewal.

Since the last renewal, there are been other changes to the Iowa Administrative Code or IME business process that have been incorporated into this renewal. These changes are a reflection of Iowa's ongoing commitment to fine-tuning processes to address state and federal requirements as well as to increase the quality of the HCBS programs in Iowa.

The performance measures have been updated to come into compliance with quality assurance requirements that were developed with CMS.

Iowa added the Chronic Medical Condition Health Home program on July 1, 2012. HCBS Brain Injury Waiver members will be able to access this setting and services. The program requires the collaboration of the waiver member's case manager and care coordinator with the Chronic Condition Health Home provider to ensure that duplication is not occuring. Iowa's application for the Balancing Incentives Payment Program will increase the percentage of community long-term support service (LTSS) expenditures versus facility expenditures to all waivers, including the Brain Injury Waiver, through a streamlined and uniform statewide infrastructure. The increased expenditures for community LTSS will rebalance with the state's facility expenditures. The infrastructure developed in conjunction with this program will include standardized core assessments, no wrong door/single entry point system, and conflict-free case management.

On July 1, 2013, Iowa implemented an Integrated Health Home program for individuals with chronic mental illness. Individuals with dual participation in the Habilitation 1915(i) program for chronic mental illness and 1915(c) waiver are not currently participating in the Integrated Health Home program and continue to receive only Case Management through the waiver or Targeted Case Management through State Plan.

Iowa has implemented a variety of Program Integrity initiatives aimed at preventing and identifying fraud within the Medical assistance program. This renewal contains changes made to guardianship rules as well as certain types of approved providers

One final change that is being requested with this renewal is to increase the number of reserved capacity slots from 30 to 45 and add the residential Community Based Neurobehavioral Rehabilitation Service (CNRS) as an elgible placement for the purpose of requesting a reserved capacity slot. During the past year this liscensed residential neurobehavioral rehabilitation program has been able to transtion 17 individuals who were previously receivng rehabilitaiton in out of state facility placements through this program and into their home communities with HCB BI Waiver services because those individuals were able to access a reserved capacity slot rather than wait for their funding slot to become available to them based on their date of application.

Application for a §1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

1. Request Information (1 of 3)

A. The **State** of **Iowa** requests approval for a Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver under the authority of §1915(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act).
B. **Program Title** (*optional - this title will be used to locate this waiver in the finder*):
Home and Community Based Services - Brain Injury - renewal waiver
C. **Type of Request: renewal**

Requested Approval Period: *(For new waivers requesting five year approval periods, the waiver must serve individuals who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare.)*

3 years **5 years**

Original Base Waiver Number: IA.0299
Waiver Number:IA.0299.R04.00
Draft ID: IA.012.04.00

D. Type of Waiver *(select only one):*
Regular Waiver

E. Proposed Effective Date: *(mm/dd/yy)*
10/01/14

1. Request Information (2 of 3)

F. Level(s) of Care. This waiver is requested in order to provide home and community-based waiver services to individuals who, but for the provision of such services, would require the following level(s) of care, the costs of which would be reimbursed under the approved Medicaid State plan (*check each that applies*):

Hospital

Select applicable level of care

Hospital as defined in 42 CFR §440.10
If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the hospital level of care:

Inpatient psychiatric facility for individuals age 21 and under as provided in42 CFR §440.160

Nursing Facility

Select applicable level of care

Nursing Facility as defined in 42 CFR □□440.40 and 42 CFR □□440.155
If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the nursing facility level of care:

Institution for Mental Disease for persons with mental illnesses aged 65 and older as provided in 42 CFR §440.140

Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) (as defined in 42 CFR §440.150)
If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the ICF/IID level of care:

1. Request Information (3 of 3)

G. Concurrent Operation with Other Programs. This waiver operates concurrently with another program (or programs) approved under the following authorities
Select one:

Not applicable

Applicable
Check the applicable authority or authorities:

Services furnished under the provisions of §1915(a)(1)(a) of the Act and described in Appendix I

Waiver(s) authorized under §1915(b) of the Act.

Specify the §1915(b) waiver program and indicate whether a §1915(b) waiver application has been submitted or previously approved:

Specify the §1915(b) authorities under which this program operates *(check each that applies):*

§1915(b)(1) (mandated enrollment to managed care)

§1915(b)(2) (central broker)

§1915(b)(3) (employ cost savings to furnish additional services)

§1915(b)(4) (selective contracting/limit number of providers)

A program operated under §1932(a) of the Act.

Specify the nature of the State Plan benefit and indicate whether the State Plan Amendment has been submitted or previously approved:

A program authorized under §1915(i) of the Act.

A program authorized under §1915(j) of the Act.

A program authorized under §1115 of the Act.

Specify the program:

H. Dual Eligiblity for Medicaid and Medicare.

Check if applicable:

This waiver provides services for individuals who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.

2. Brief Waiver Description

Brief Waiver Description. *In one page or less*, briefly describe the purpose of the waiver, including its goals, objectives, organizational structure (e.g., the roles of state, local and other entities), and service delivery methods.
The purpose of the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Brain Injury Waiver is to provide service funding and individualized supports to maintain eligible members in their own homes or communities who would otherwise require care in a medical institution.

The goal of this waiver is provide alternatives to institutional services. As part of this goal, the Brain Injury waiver program strives to transition fifty members from Nursing Facilities (NF), Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) and Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID)to the community each year.

The objective of the Brain Injury Waiver is to provide an array of community based services that allow Medicaid members with a brain injury diagnosis to choose to have their individual needs met in a community based setting rather than an institutional setting.

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) Iowa Medicaid Enterprise is the single state agency responsible for the oversight of Medicaid. Individuals access the Brain Injury waiver services by applying at their local DHS office. If the individual is deemed eligible they will choose a targeted case manager. The services that are considered necessary and appropriate for the member will be determined through a person centered planning process with assistance from an interdisciplinary team consisting of the member, the targeted case manager, service providers, and others the member chooses. The assessment and the level of care determination are performed by the Medical Services contractor for the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise.

The member will have the option to use both traditional delivered services and self-directed services. The following services are available: Case Management, Adult Day Care, Behavioral Programming, Consumer Directed Attendant Care, Family Counseling and Training, Home and Vehicle Modification, Interim Medical Monitoring and Treatment, Personal Emergency Response, Prevocational, Respite, Supported Community Living, Supported Employment, Specialized Medical Equipment, Transportation. Financial Management Services, Independent Support Brokerage Services, Self Directed Personal Care, Individual Directed Goods and Services and Self Directed Community and Employment Supports will be available for the individuals who chose to self-direct their services.

Iowa Medicaid Enterprise Medical Services Unit conducts the level of care assessment to determine an individual's need for Nursing Facility (NF), Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) and Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID)level of care. Iowa Medicaid Enterprise Medical Services Unit also assesses individuals to determine that they are able to live in a home or community based setting where all of individuals' medically necessary service needs can be met within the scope of the waiver setting.

Through increased legislative focus of appropriations, mental health and disability services redesign, and infrastructure development through Iowa's Balancing Incentives Payment Program, it is the goal of Iowa to offer a more uniform and equitable system of community support delivery to individuals qualifying for the Brain Injury Waiver.

3. Components of the Waiver Request

The waiver application consists of the following components. *Note: Item 3-E must be completed.*

A. **Waiver Administration and Operation. Appendix A** specifies the administrative and operational structure of this waiver.

B. **Participant Access and Eligibility. Appendix B** specifies the target group(s) of individuals who are served in this waiver, the number of participants that the State expects to serve during each year that the waiver is in effect, applicable Medicaid eligibility and post-eligibility (if applicable) requirements, and procedures for the evaluation and reevaluation of level of care.

C. **Participant Services. Appendix C** specifies the home and community-based waiver services that are furnished through the waiver, including applicable limitations on such services.

D. **Participant-Centered Service Planning and Delivery. Appendix D** specifies the procedures and methods that the State uses to develop, implement and monitor the participant-centered service plan (of care).

E. **Participant-Direction of Services.** When the State provides for participant direction of services, **Appendix E** specifies the participant direction opportunities that are offered in the waiver and the supports that are available to participants who direct their services. (*Select one*):

Yes. This waiver provides participant direction opportunities. *Appendix E is required.*

No. This waiver does not provide participant direction opportunities. *Appendix E is not required.*

F. **Participant Rights. Appendix F** specifies how the State informs participants of their Medicaid Fair Hearing rights and other procedures to address participant grievances and complaints.

G. **Participant Safeguards. Appendix G** describes the safeguards that the State has established to assure the health and welfare of waiver participants in specified areas.

H. **Quality Improvement Strategy. Appendix H** contains the Quality Improvement Strategy for this waiver.

I. **Financial Accountability. Appendix I** describes the methods by which the State makes payments for waiver services, ensures the integrity of these payments, and complies with applicable federal requirements concerning payments and federal financial participation.

J. **Cost-Neutrality Demonstration. Appendix J** contains the State's demonstration that the waiver is cost-neutral.

4. Waiver(s) Requested

A. **Comparability.** The State requests a waiver of the requirements contained in §1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act in order to provide the services specified in **Appendix C** that are not otherwise available under the approved Medicaid State plan to individuals who: (a) require the level(s) of care specified in Item 1.F and (b) meet the target group criteria specified in **Appendix B**.

B. **Income and Resources for the Medically Needy.** Indicate whether the State requests a waiver of §1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III) of the Act in order to use institutional income and resource rules for the medically needy *(select one)*:

Not Applicable

No

Yes

C. **Statewideness.** Indicate whether the State requests a waiver of the statewideness requirements in §1902(a)(1) of the Act *(select one)*:

No

Yes

If yes, specify the waiver of statewideness that is requested *(check each that applies)*:

Geographic Limitation. A waiver of statewideness is requested in order to furnish services under this waiver only to individuals who reside in the following geographic areas or political subdivisions of the State.
Specify the areas to which this waiver applies and, as applicable, the phase-in schedule of the waiver by geographic area:

Limited Implementation of Participant-Direction. A waiver of statewideness is requested in order to make *participant-direction of services* as specified in **Appendix E** available only to individuals who reside in the following geographic areas or political subdivisions of the State. Participants who reside in these areas may elect to direct their services as provided by the State or receive comparable services through the service delivery methods that are in effect elsewhere in the State.
Specify the areas of the State affected by this waiver and, as applicable, the phase-in schedule of the waiver by geographic area:

5. Assurances

In accordance with 42 CFR §441.302, the State provides the following assurances to CMS:

A. **Health & Welfare:** The State assures that necessary safeguards have been taken to protect the health and welfare of persons receiving services under this waiver. These safeguards include:

1. As specified in **Appendix C**, adequate standards for all types of providers that provide services under this waiver;

2. Assurance that the standards of any State licensure or certification requirements specified in **Appendix C** are met for services or for individuals furnishing services that are provided under the waiver. The State assures that these requirements are met on the date that the services are furnished; and,

3. Assurance that all facilities subject to §1616(e) of the Act where home and community-based waiver services are provided comply with the applicable State standards for board and care facilities as specified in **Appendix C**.

B. **Financial Accountability.** The State assures financial accountability for funds expended for home and community-based services and maintains and makes available to the Department of Health and Human Services (including the Office of the Inspector General), the Comptroller General, or other designees, appropriate financial records documenting the cost of services provided under the waiver. Methods of financial accountability are specified in **Appendix I**.

C. **Evaluation of Need:** The State assures that it provides for an initial evaluation (and periodic reevaluations, at least annually) of the need for a level of care specified for this waiver, when there is a reasonable indication that an individual might need such services in the near future (one month or less) but for the receipt of home and community-based services under this waiver. The procedures for evaluation and reevaluation of level of care are specified in **Appendix B**.

D. Choice of Alternatives: The State assures that when an individual is determined to be likely to require the level of care specified for this waiver and is in a target group specified in **Appendix B**, the individual (or, legal representative, if applicable) is:

1. Informed of any feasible alternatives under the waiver; and,

2. Given the choice of either institutional or home and community-based waiver services. **Appendix B** specifies the procedures that the State employs to ensure that individuals are informed of feasible alternatives under the waiver and given the choice of institutional or home and community-based waiver services.

E. **Average Per Capita Expenditures:** The State assures that, for any year that the waiver is in effect, the average per capita expenditures under the waiver will not exceed 100 percent of the average per capita expenditures that would have been made under the Medicaid State plan for the level(s) of care specified for this waiver had the waiver not been granted. Cost-neutrality is demonstrated in **Appendix J**.

F. **Actual Total Expenditures:** The State assures that the actual total expenditures for home and community-based waiver and other Medicaid services and its claim for FFP in expenditures for the services provided to individuals under the waiver will not, in any year of the waiver period, exceed 100 percent of the amount that would be incurred in the absence of the waiver by the State's Medicaid program for these individuals in the institutional setting(s) specified for this waiver.

G. **Institutionalization Absent Waiver:** The State assures that, absent the waiver, individuals served in the waiver would receive the appropriate type of Medicaid-funded institutional care for the level of care specified for this waiver.

H. **Reporting:** The State assures that annually it will provide CMS with information concerning the impact of the waiver on the type, amount and cost of services provided under the Medicaid State plan and on the health and welfare of waiver participants. This information will be consistent with a data collection plan designed by CMS.

I. **Habilitation Services.** The State assures that prevocational, educational, or supported employment services, or a combination of these services, if provided as habilitation services under the waiver are: (1) not otherwise available to the individual through a local educational agency under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and, (2) furnished as part of expanded habilitation services.

J. **Services for Individuals with Chronic Mental Illness.** The State assures that federal financial participation (FFP) will not be claimed in expenditures for waiver services including, but not limited to, day treatment or partial hospitalization, psychosocial rehabilitation services, and clinic services provided as home and community-based services to individuals with chronic mental illnesses if these individuals, in the absence of a waiver, would be placed in an IMD and are: (1) age 22 to 64; (2) age 65 and older and the State has not included the optional Medicaid benefit cited in 42 CFR §440.140; or (3) age 21 and under and the State has not included the optional Medicaid benefit cited in 42 CFR § 440.160.

6. Additional Requirements

Note: Item 6-I must be completed.

A. **Service Plan.** In accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(1)(i), a participant-centered service plan (of care) is developed for each participant employing the procedures specified in **Appendix D**. All waiver services are furnished pursuant to the service plan. The service plan describes: (a) the waiver services that are furnished to the participant, their projected frequency and the type of provider that furnishes each service and (b) the other services (regardless of funding source, including State plan services) and informal supports that complement waiver services in meeting the needs of the participant. The service plan is subject to the approval of the Medicaid agency. Federal financial participation (FFP) is not claimed for waiver services furnished prior to the development of the service plan or for services that are not included in the service plan.

B. **Inpatients.** In accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(1)(ii), waiver services are not furnished to individuals who are in -patients of a hospital, nursing facility or ICF/IID.

C. **Room and Board.** In accordance with 42 CFR §441.310(a)(2), FFP is not claimed for the cost of room and board except when: (a) provided as part of respite services in a facility approved by the State that is not a private residence or (b) claimed as a portion of the rent and food that may be reasonably attributed to an unrelated caregiver who resides in the same household as the participant, as provided in **Appendix I**.

D. **Access to Services.** The State does not limit or restrict participant access to waiver services except as provided in **Appendix C**.

E. **Free Choice of Provider.** In accordance with 42 CFR §431.151, a participant may select any willing and qualified provider to furnish waiver services included in the service plan unless the State has received approval to limit the number of providers under the provisions of §1915(b) or another provision of the Act.

F. **FFP Limitation.** In accordance with 42 CFR §433 Subpart D, FFP is not claimed for services when another third-party (e.g., another third party health insurer or other federal or state program) is legally liable and responsible for the provision and payment of the service. FFP also may not be claimed for services that are available without charge, or as free care to the community. Services will not be considered to be without charge, or free care, when (1) the provider establishes a fee schedule for each service available and (2) collects insurance information from all those served (Medicaid, and non-Medicaid), and bills other legally liable third party insurers. Alternatively, if a provider certifies that a particular legally liable third party insurer does not pay for the service(s), the provider may not generate further bills for that insurer for that annual period.

G. **Fair Hearing:** The State provides the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing under 42 CFR §431 Subpart E, to individuals: (a) who are not given the choice of home and community-based waiver services as an alternative to institutional level of care specified for this waiver; (b) who are denied the service(s) of their choice or the provider(s) of their choice; or (c) whose services are denied, suspended, reduced or terminated. **Appendix F** specifies the State's procedures to provide individuals the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing, including providing notice of action as required in 42 CFR §431.210.

H. **Quality Improvement**. The State operates a formal, comprehensive system to ensure that the waiver meets the assurances and other requirements contained in this application. Through an ongoing process of discovery, remediation and improvement, the State assures the health and welfare of participants by monitoring: (a) level of care determinations; (b) individual plans and services delivery; (c) provider qualifications; (d) participant health and welfare; (e) financial oversight and (f) administrative oversight of the waiver. The State further assures that all problems identified through its discovery processes are addressed in an appropriate and timely manner, consistent with the severity and nature of the problem. During the period that the waiver is in effect, the State will implement the Quality Improvement Strategy specified in **Appendix H**.

I. **Public Input.** Describe how the State secures public input into the development of the waiver:
Iowa receives public input from various committees and organizations. There is the Olmstead Task Force and the Governor's Advisory Council on Brain Injuries which meets quarterly and provides input as necessary for this waiver. The Advisory Council on Brain Injuries and the Olmstead Task Force have a variety of stakeholder participants representing members and families, providers, case managers, and other state departments. Additionally the IME works closely and meets regulalry with the Iowa Association of Community Providers to receive input and feedback regarding waiver operations and regional HCBS meetings/trainings are held on a quarterly basis around the state for stakeholders to ask questions and provide input.

The general public has the opportunity to comment on any changes to the waiver through the public comment process. An Informational Letter is published and the waiver amendments are published on the IME HCBS website. An email address is provided to allow stakeholder comments to be submitted.

The public also has the opportunity to comment on Iowa Administrative rules and rule changes through public comment periods and public hearings, Legislative Rules Committee and the Department of Human Services Council. When comments/suggestions are made they are reviewed and taken into consideration for rule changes. In addition, all comments are responded to prior to implementation of the rules.

J. **Notice to Tribal Governments**. The State assures that it has notified in writing all federally-recognized Tribal Governments that maintain a primary office and/or majority population within the State of the State's intent to submit a Medicaid waiver request or renewal request to CMS at least 60 days before the anticipated submission date is provided by Presidential Executive Order 13175 of November 6, 2000. Evidence of the applicable notice is available through the Medicaid Agency.

K. **Limited English Proficient Persons**. The State assures that it provides meaningful access to waiver services by Limited English Proficient persons in accordance with: (a) Presidential Executive Order 13166 of August 11, 2000 (65 FR 50121) and (b) Department of Health and Human Services "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons" (68 FR 47311 - August 8, 2003). **Appendix B** describes how the State assures meaningful access to waiver services by Limited English Proficient persons.

7. Contact Person(s)

A. The Medicaid agency representative with whom CMS should communicate regarding the waiver is:

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First Name:

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Title:

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B. If applicable, the State operating agency representative with whom CMS should communicate regarding the waiver is:

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8. Authorizing Signature

This document, together with Appendices A through J, constitutes the State's request for a waiver under §1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The State assures that all materials referenced in this waiver application (including standards, licensure and certification requirements) are ***readily*** available in print or electronic form upon request to CMS through the Medicaid agency or, if applicable, from the operating agency specified in Appendix A. Any proposed changes to the waiver will be submitted by the Medicaid agency to CMS in the form of waiver amendments.
Upon approval by CMS, the waiver application serves as the State's authority to provide home and community-based waiver services to the specified target groups. The State attests that it will abide by all provisions of the approved waiver and will continuously operate the waiver in accordance with the assurances specified in Section 5 and the additional requirements specified in Section 6 of the request.

Signature:

State Medicaid Director or Designee

Submission Date:

Note: The Signature and Submission Date fields will be automatically completed when the State Medicaid Director submits the application.

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Attachments

Attachment #1: Transition Plan
Check the box next to any of the following changes from the current approved waiver. Check all boxes that apply.
Replacing an approved waiver with this waiver.

Combining waivers.
Splitting one waiver into two waivers.
Eliminating a service.
Adding or decreasing an individual cost limit pertaining to eligibility.
Adding or decreasing limits to a service or a set of services, as specified in Appendix C.
Reducing the unduplicated count of participants (Factor C).
Adding new, or decreasing, a limitation on the number of participants served at any point in time.
Making any changes that could result in some participants losing eligibility or being transferred to another waiver under 1915(c) or another Medicaid authority.
Making any changes that could result in reduced services to participants.

Specify the transition plan for the waiver:

Attachment #2: Home and Community-Based Settings Waiver Transition Plan
Specify the state's process to bring this waiver into compliance with federal home and community-based (HCB) settings requirements at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(5), and associated CMS guidance.
Consult with CMS for instructions before completing this item. This field describes the status of a transition process at the point in time of submission. Relevant information in the planning phase will differ from information required to describe attainment of milestones.
To the extent that the state has submitted a statewide HCB settings transition plan to CMS, the description in this field may reference that statewide plan. The narrative in this field must include enough information to demonstrate that this waiver complies with federal HCB settings requirements, including the compliance and transition requirements at 42 CFR 441.301 (c)(6), and that this submission is consistent with the portions of the statewide HCB settings transition plan that are germane to this waiver. Quote or summarize germane portions of the statewide HCB settings transition plan as required.
Note that Appendix C-5 HCB Settings describes settings that do not require transition; the settings listed there meet federal HCB setting requirements as of the date of submission. Do not duplicate that information here.
Update this field and Appendix C-5 when submitting a renewal or amendment to this waiver for other purposes. It is not necessary for the state to amend the waiver solely for the purpose of updating this field and Appendix C-5. At the end of the state's HCB settings transition process for this waiver, when all waiver settings meet federal HCB setting requirements, enter "Completed" in this field, and include in Section C-5 the information on all HCB settings in the waiver.

Section 1: Assessment
Iowa proposes a multifaceted approach to assessment. This will include the completion of a Settings Analysis, which will be a high-level assessment of settings within the state to identify general categories (not specific providers or locations) that are likely to be in compliance; not in compliance; presumed to be non-HCBS; or those that are not yet, but could become compliant. Other avenues for assessment will include identifying HCBS settings during provider enrollment and re-enrollment; evaluating settings through the existing HCBS quality assurance onsite review process and the provider self-assessment process; and monitoring of Iowa Participant Experience Survey (IPES) results for member experiences. Assessment activities will be incorporated into current quality assurance processes to the extent possible.

10/1/2014 - 10/31/2014: Settings Analysis - State identified HCBS settings as they potentially conform to HCBS characteristics and ability to comply in the future. General settings are classified into categories (Yes - settings fully compliant, Not Yet - settings that will comply with changes, Not Yet - setting is presumed non-HCBS but evidence may be presented for heighted scrutiny review, and No - setting do not comply) The Iowa HCBS Settings Analysis is being submitted as one component of the transition plan .
12/1/2014 - 12/31/2014: Provider Enrollment Processes - State will operationalize mechanisms to incorporate assessment of settings into existing processes for provider pre-enrollment screening by the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME), provider credentialing by the managed care behavioral health organization (BHO), and HCBS provider certification by the HCBS Quality Oversight unit.
5/1/2015 - 12/31/2015: Geographic Information System (GIS) Evaluation of HCBS Provider Locations and HCBS Member Addresses - State will use GIS to analyze locations of provider sites and member addresses to identify potential areas with high concentration of HCBS.
12/1/2014 - ongoing: Onsite assessment - The State will incorporate review of settings into the review tools used by the HCBS Quality Oversight Unit for on-site reviews. Settings will be assessed during recertification reviews, periodic reviews, focused reviews, and targeted reviews. State will identify providers with sites of service that have the characteristics of HCBS or the qualities of an institution.

10/1/2014 - ongoing: Enrolled HCBS providers self-assessment - The state will modify the Provider Quality Management Self-Assessment to identify HCBS sites and to gather additional information from providers to assess sites of service that have characteristics of HCBS or the qualities of an institution. The annual self-assessment will be released to providers annually on October 1 and due to IME annually on December 1, with results compiled by February 28. The State will release the "Iowa Exploratory Questions for Assessment of HCBS Settings" document to assist providers in identifying the expected characteristics of HCBS.
8/1/2014 - ongoing: Other projects collecting HCBS setting data - State provider association will provide information and input from residential providers to the state.
12/1/2014 - ongoing: Iowa Participant Experience Survey (IPES) - State will continue to monitor IPES results to flag member experience that is not consistent with assuring control over choices and community access.
5/1/2015 - By 3/17/2019: Onsite Assessment Results Report - State compiles and analyzes findings of onsite assessments annually by July 31, with the final report completed by 3/17/19. Findings will be presented to Iowa DHS leadership and stakeholders.

Section 2: Remediation Strategies
Iowa proposes a remediation process that will capitalize on existing HCBS quality assurance processes including provider identification of remediation strategies for each identified issue, and ongoing review of remediation status and compliance. The state may also prescribe certain requirements to become compliant. Iowa will also provide guidance and technical assistance to providers to assist in the assessment and remediation process. Providers that fail to remediate noncompliant settings timely may be subject to sanctions ranging from probation to disenrollment.

6/1/2014 - 7/31/2016: Informational Letters - State will draft and finalize informational letters describing proposed transition, appropriate HCBS settings, deadlines for compliance, and technical assistance availability. BHO will provide the same information to provider network.
12/1/2014 - 7/31/2015: Iowa Administrative Code - State will revise administrative rules chapters 441-77, 78, 79, and 83, to reflect federal regulations on HCBS settings. Rules will define HCBS setting thresholds and will prohibit new sites from being accepted or enrolled that have an institutional or isolating quality while presenting deadlines for enrolled providers to come into compliance. Rules will clarify expectations of member control of their environment and access to community. BHO will develop the same standards for provider network.
8/1/2015 - 12/31/2015: Provider Manual Revisions - State will revise HCBS provider manual Chapter 16K to incorporate regulatory requirements for HCBS and qualities of an HCBS setting. BHO will incorporate the same information into relevant provider network manuals.
12/1/2014 - ongoing: Incorporate Education and HCBS Compliance Understanding into Provider Enrollment - IME Provider Services Unit Pre-Enrollment Screening process will make adjustments to ensure that HCBS settings are evaluated when appropriate. When agencies enroll to provide HCBS services, they will be provided information on HCBS setting requirements and be required to certify that they have received, understand, and comply with these setting requirements.
12/1/2014 - ongoing: Provider Assessment Findings - State will present each provider with the results of the assessment of their organizational HCBS settings as findings occur throughout the assessment process.
12/1/2014 - 3/16/2019: Provider Individual Remediation - HCBS providers will submit a corrective action plan (CAP) for any settings that require remediation. The CAP will provide detail about the steps to be taken to remediate issues and the expected timelines for compliance. The state will accept the CAP or may ask for changes to the CAP. The state may preset remediation requirements for each organization's HCBS settings. Providers will be required to submit periodic status updates on remediation progress. State review of CAPs will consider the scope of the transition to be achieved and the unique circumstances related to the setting in question. The state will allow reasonable timeframes for large infrastructure changes with the condition that the providers receive department approval and provide timely progress reports on a regular basis. Locations presumed to be non-HCBS but which are found to have the qualities of HCBS will be submitted to CMS for heightened scrutiny review.
12/1/2014 - 3/16/2019: Data Collection - State and BHO will collect data from reviews, technical assistance, updates, etc. to track status of remediation efforts. Data will be reported on a regular basis or ad hoc to DHS management and CMS.
12/1/2014 - 3/1/2019: Onsite Compliance Reviews - State will conduct onsite reviews to establish levels of compliance reached by providers with non-HCBS settings following completion of their remediation schedule.
12/1/2014 - 3/16/2019: Provider Sanctions and Disenrollments - State will disenroll and/or sanction providers that have failed to meet remediation standards. State will disenroll and/or sanction providers that have failed to cooperate with the HCBS Settings Transition.
12/1/2014 - 3/16/2019: Member Transitions to Compliant Settings - If relocation of members is necessary, the state will work with case managers, service workers, and care coordinators to ensure that members are transitioned to settings meeting HCBS Setting requirements. Members will be given timely notice and due process, and will have a choice of alternative settings through a person centered planning process. Transition of members will be comprehensively tracked to ensure successful placement and continuity of service.

Section 3: Public Comment

Iowa proposes to collect public comments on the transition plan through a dedicated email address for submission of written comments, and through taking public comments directly by mail. Iowa has also previously held a comment period in November 2014 which included solicitation of comments through stakeholder forums. In addition to posting the transition plan and related materials on the Iowa Medicaid website, numerous stakeholders were contacted directly and provided with transition plan documents and information on the stakeholder forums. Stakeholders contacted include Disability Rights Iowa, the Iowa Association of Community Providers, the Iowa Health Care Association/Iowa Center for Assisted Living, Leading Age Iowa, the Iowa Brain Injury Association, the Olmstead Consumer Task Force, the Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services Commission, the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council, NAMI Iowa, ASK Resource Center, Area Agencies on Aging, County Case Management Services, and MHDS Regional Administrators.

3/9/2015 - 3/13/2015: Announcement of Public Comment Period - State released a White Paper, the Draft Transition Plan, and Draft Settings Analysis on the state website. Informational Letters were released and sent to all HCBS waiver providers, case managers and DHS service workers. Stakeholders (listed above) were contacted directly to inform them of the public comment period. A dedicated email address (HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us) was established to receive public comments. Tribal notices were sent. Notices were filed in newspapers. Printed versions were made available in DHS local offices statewide, along with instructions on submitting comments via mail.
3/16/2015 - 4/15/2015: Public Comment Period for Proposed Transition Plan - State will share transition plan with the public in electronic and non-electronic formats, collect comments, develop state responses to public comments, and incorporate appropriate suggestions into transition plan. The Response to Public Comments document will be posted to the DHS website and a summary provided to CMS. Previous comment periods were held in May 2014 and November 2014 which included stakeholder forums.
4/15/2015 - 3/16/2019: Public Comment Retention - State will safely store public comments and state responses for CMS and public consumption.
4/15/2015 - 3/16/2019: Posting of Transition Plan Iterations - State will post each approved iteration of the transition plan to its website.
7/1/2015 - By 3/17/2019: Assessment Findings Report - State shares the findings of the onsite assessment annually by July 31.

Iowa HCBS Settings Analysis - This Settings Analysis is general in nature and does not imply that any specific provider or location is noncompliant solely by classification in this analysis. Final determination will depend upon information gathered through all assessment activities outlined in the transition plan, including but not limited to onsite reviews, provider annual self-assessments, IPES data, provider surveys, and GIS analysis.
Category: YES – Settings presumed fully compliant with HCBS characteristics
--Member owns the housing, or leases housing which is not provider owned or controlled.
--Supported employment provided in an integrated community setting
Category: NOT YET – Settings may be compliant, or with changes will comply with HCBS characteristics
--Residential Care Facilities (RCFs) of any size
--Apartment complexes where the majority of residents receive HCBS
--Disability-specific camp settings (except Respite)
--Five-bed homes previously licensed as RCFs
--Provider owned or controlled housing of any size
--Multiple locations on the same street operated by the same provider (including duplexes and multiplexes)
--Disability-specific farm communities
--Assisted Living Facilities
--Services provided in a staff member's home (except Respite)
--Day program settings located in a building that also provides other disability-specific services, or where provider offices are located.
Category: NOT YET - Setting is presumed non-HCBS but evidence may be presented to CMS for heightened scrutiny review
--Located in a building that also provides inpatient institutional treatment
--Any setting on the grounds of or adjacent to a public institution
--Settings that isolate participants from the broader community
Category: NO – Settings do not comply with HCBS characteristics
--Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID) (except Respite)
--Nursing Facilities/Skilled Nursing Facilities
--Hospitals
--Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD)

Additional Needed Information (Optional)

Provide additional needed information for the waiver (optional):