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The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Submitted Electronically

Re: Iowa Marketplace Choice §1115 Demonstration Waiver Termination (Project #11-W-00288/5)

Madam Secretary,

Please find the attached termination application for the Iowa Marketplace Choice §1115 Demonstration Waiver.

The Marketplace Choice Demonstration was implemented on January 1, 2014, to provide access to healthcare for uninsured, low-income adults age 19 to 64 with income from 101 through 133% of the federal poverty level (FPL). Members received health care coverage through Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) on the Health Insurance Marketplace, with Medicaid paying members' premiums. On December 24, 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved an amendment to the Marketplace Choice Demonstration permitting the State to move enrollees to the Iowa Wellness Plan (Project #11-W-00289/5) §1115 Demonstration Waiver, as there are no longer any QHPs willing to serve the Medicaid population.

As there continue to be no QHPs available to serve the Marketplace Choice eligible population, the State is seeking to terminate the Demonstration, which is set to expire December 31, 2016. To ensure continued coverage for persons with incomes up to 133% of the FPL, concurrent with this termination application, Iowa is seeking an extension of the §1115 Iowa Wellness Plan Demonstration for an additional three years.

The State looks forward to continuing to work with its federal partners at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to ensure that uninsured, low-income Iowans continue to have access to high-quality local provider networks and modern benefits that work to improve health outcomes.

Please let me know if you have any questions with this submission.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Iowa Marketplace Choice §1115 Demonstration Waiver Termination (Project #11-W-00288/5)

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