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## ***New Medicaid Director Appointed to DHS Former Broadlawns official to lead IME***

(Des Moines, Iowa) – The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) announced Friday that Mikki K. Stier has been appointed director of the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME).

In her new role, Ms. Stier will oversee the \$4.2 billion program which serves about a half of a million Iowans each year. She will serve as the primary architect for establishing the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise's goals for optimal health outcomes for low-income Iowans, and for financial performance of the state-run insurance program. She transitions to DHS leadership from her post as Vice President of Government and External Relations at Broadlawns Medical Center.

"Mikki Stier has many years of leadership experience in health care and working with government, and she understands the needs of Iowans who receive Medicaid benefits," said DHS Director Charles M. Palmer. "She will have the opportunity to help shape the state's health delivery reform efforts and oversee the state's Medicaid Modernization Initiative. Together, we will put a greater focus on patient outcomes and create a more sustainable and predictable Medicaid budget."

Stier will provide direction for a number of patient-centered programs including Medical Home Models and Integrated Health Homes, continuing delivery reform through the State Innovation Model grant and meeting Affordable Care Act requirements through the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. She will also serve in a pivotal role integrating federal mandates into compliant state policy and providing direction for IME staff and contractors who implement health care strategies.

"This is a great opportunity for all Iowans as we work together to evolve the Iowa Medicaid program to deliver quality, patient-centered health care that is cost effective," said Stier. "I'm looking forward to being part of the leadership team that is implementing this transition."

Stier has more than 33 years of health care experience in several states, having worked with hospital startup, restructuring, development and growth in a number of executive positions. At Broadlawns, she was most recently the senior executive responsible for external relations which included building an external network of business leaders and legislators to support the hospital's operations. She helped develop the hospital's strategic plan and worked regularly with local and national lawmakers on policy issues, and with media on topics of public interest.

Stier holds a master's degree in health administration from the University of Colorado, a bachelor's of science in occupational therapy from Colorado State, and serves on a number of local and national boards. She begins her new duties with IME on May 27.

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