

## Public Notice

### Public Comment Period for Iowa Medicaid Dental Pre-Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP) Dental Quality Assurance System

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Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code Section 249A.4, and 42 CFR 438.340, notice is hereby given that the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) has posted for public comment the Iowa Medicaid Dental Pre-Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP) Quality Strategy.

This notice provides details about quality strategies and serves to open the 30-day public comment period, which closes on July 8, 2019. The Quality Strategy will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by August 1, 2019.

#### **Summary**

The PAHP Dental Quality Assurance System document describes the mechanisms DHS will implement (or maintain) to oversee Iowa's contracted dental PAHP's.

DHS is responsible for promoting, monitoring and evaluating quality-related activities. Program monitoring is necessary for developing, advancing and sustaining the adult dental program for Iowans.

#### **Public Review and Comments:**

The Dental Quality Assurance System document specific to this public notice is available at <https://dhs.iowa.gov/public-notices/DentalQA>. To reach all stakeholders, non-electronic copies will be made available for review at the DHS Field Offices.

The purpose of the Dental Quality Strategy is to access and improve the health care and services furnished by the PAHPs. Prior to submission to CMS, DHS will consider all public comments received. A copy of the initial strategy must be submitted to CMS for comment and feedback prior to adopting it as final.

Written comments may be addressed to Heather Miller, RDH, Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 611 Fifth Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309. Comments may also be sent via electronic mail to [hmillier@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:hmillier@dhs.state.ia.us). All comments must be received by July 8, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.