



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Ms. Janet Phipps  
Director  
Department of Administrative Services  
Hoover State Office Building  
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*Approved  
Janet Phipps  
01/29/2016*

Dear Director Phipps:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking a waiver as described in 11 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) Section 118.16 regarding the contract for operations of the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise's Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), MED-04-015-A and National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Claims Editing Services, MED-09-016-A.

Specifically, Iowa Medicaid seeks a waiver of the six-year contract limitation set forth in IAC 118.11(3) applicable to service contracts. DHS applies for this waiver because it is in the best interests of the taxpayers to extend the existing contracts for an additional 12 months in order to continue Medicaid operations while it successfully procures a new vendor to operate the MMIS. NCCI claims editing will be included in the solution offered by the new vendor. It is still the most economically feasible solution given the short timeframe.

Attached you will find copies of the most recent waivers approved February 20, 2015, and July 20, 2015, for the MMIS and NCCI contracts, respectively.

Please approve a waiver of IAC 118.11(3) on the grounds that it is not in the best interests of the taxpayers to maintain a six year limit.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Palmer  
Director

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Attachments

cc: Mikki Stier, Medicaid Director  
Mary Tavegia, IME Contract Administrator