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Waiver approved until 12/30/2016
s/Janet E. Phipps/
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Ms. Janet Phipps
Director
Department of Administrative Services
Hoover State Office Building
1305 East Walnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50319

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 Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT), MED-10-011. Specifically, Iowa Medicaid seeks a waiver of the six-year contract limitation set forth in IAC 118.11(3) applicable to service contracts. DHS is applying for this waiver because it is in the best interest of the taxpayers to extend the existing contract for an additional six months due to unforeseen delays in the re-procurement process.

The current NEMT Services contract was first executed on October 1, 2010, and is set to expire on June 30, 2016. Iowa Medicaid had released a request for proposals (RFP) on July 31, 2014, and the Department was in the process of evaluating the bid proposals, when Governor Branstad announced the move to Medicaid modernization in January 2015. With this announcement, the Department withdrew the RFP, as NEMT services were listed as a covered service under managed care. DHS is requesting an extension to allow sufficient time to release a new RFP that only includes the Medicaid fee-for-service population, and for a new contract to be put into place. The extension requested is for a maximum period of 12 months, through June 30, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration of this waiver of IAC 118.11(3) on the grounds that it is not in the best interest of the taxpayers to maintain a six year limit.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Palmer
Director

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cc: Mikki Stier, Medicaid Director
Stephanie Clark, IME Contract Administrator