



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Waiver approved until 06/30/2018  
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09/26/2016

Ms. Janet Phipps  
Director  
Department of Administrative Services  
Hoover State Office Building  
1305 East Walnut Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Director Phipps:

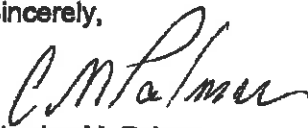
The Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking a waiver as described in 11 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) Section 118.16 regarding the contract for operations of the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise's Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), MED-04-015-A and National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI)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

We have begun the procurement process to select a new MMIS/NCCI vendor. That vendor will take over operations on July 1, 2018. This is the last waiver request DHS will submit for these contracts. Attached you will find the most recent waiver approved January 29, 2016, for the MMIS and NCCI contracts.

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,

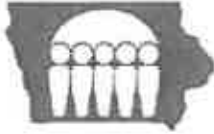


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Attachment

cc: Mikki Stier, Medicaid Director



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SEP 26 2016

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Department of Administrative Services  
Hoover State Office Building, A Level  
LOCAL MAIL

Dear Director Phipps:

As a follow-up to our discussion last week, we are requesting the extension to the Noridian Medicaid Management Information Systems (MMIS) contract for the following reasons:

- The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) has moved to Managed Care, and with this change it requires a MMIS that can support the analytics that are needed to provide oversight. We need time to review and follow-up with other states that have moved to Managed Care to understand the strengths and weaknesses of their systems to ensure a successful request for proposal (RFP) is developed for the MMIS.
- One key component is that we now have a very small fee for service (FFS) system that will also need to be factored into the MMIS. The scale of the system to support this services has changed since we last evaluated an MMIS procurement.
- There are new Federal regulations that are guiding us to a more modular approach to our existing MMIS which we are evaluating and working with our contractor to incorporate into our RFP.

These are very key, pivotal changes that we are providing you to support our request to extend this procurement for an additional year.

If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Palmer  
Director

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Enclosure: *Medicaid Operations Technical Assistance and Support (MOTAS) Project High-Level Overview*

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# MOTAS Project High-Level Overview

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## Phase 1: Professional Services

Notes:  
Forecasting  
Interim

Professional Services Management and Process

[Pharmacy Medical Services, Medical Services, Member Services, Provider Services, Third  
Party Liability & Estate Recovery, Provider Cost Audit]

## Phase 2: MMIS Re-procurement

Re-procurement

MMIS Re-procurement

Legend

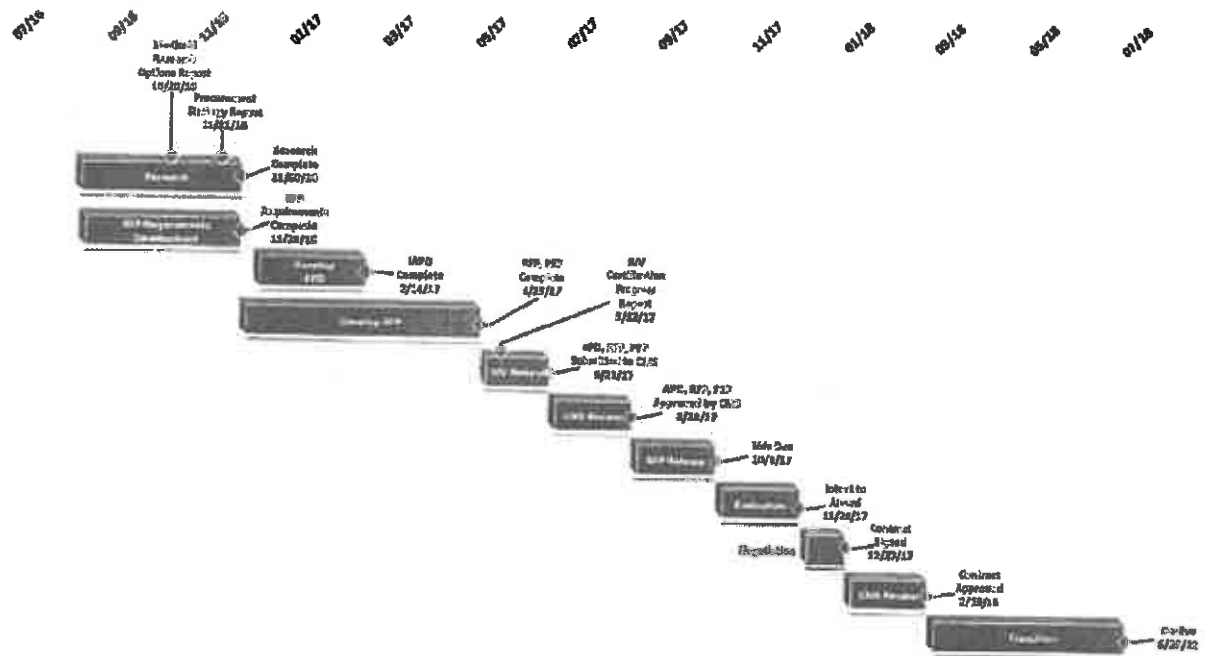
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# MOTAS Project Professional Services Timeline



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# MOTAS Project MMIS Timeline



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