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Attn: Paul Trombino, Interim Director
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Re: Exception to Policy Request

Dear Director Trombino:

The Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) requests a waiver under DAS Administrative Rule 11-118.16 (8A) of the application of DAS Administrative Rule 11-121(1)b concerning the submission of contractor's affirmative action plan. IVH is requesting the following paragraph be removed from a contract between IVH and Unity Point Health to provide medical care to IVH residents:

Upon the State's written request, the Contractor shall submit to the State a copy of its affirmative action plan, containing goals and time specifications, and accessibility plans and policies as required under Iowa Administrative Code chapter 11-121.

This paragraph places an undue hardship upon Unity Point Health, as they are federally exempt from having an affirmative action plan and are unable to proceed with the contract unless this sentence is removed. Unity Point was the sole bidder on this RFB. In order to continue providing quality medical services to IVH residents in a timely manner, we are requesting a waiver be granted under these unique, individual circumstances.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request for waiver. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at (641) 844-6358.

Sincerely,

Karen Connell
Operations Division Administrator

DAS Approval:

Date:

5/30/2019