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Mark McClellan, Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
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Dear Dr. McClellan:

Re: *IowaCare: Rebalancing for Increased Community Capacity, Access, and Choice*

The Office of Public Transit of the Iowa Department of Transportation is pleased to extend its support to the application by the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise to CMS for Real Choice Systems Transformation funding in support of *IowaCare: Rebalancing for Increased Community Capacity, Access, and Choice*. The proposed transportation services brokerage initiative in this application would constitute a significant step forward in addressing a critical need for older Iowans and people with disabilities. The ability to move about within one's community is essential to independent living.

Also, as Chair of Iowa's interdepartmental Transportation Coordination Council, I want to express the Council's commitment to the concept of transportation coordination as described in the grant, and our willingness to provide oversight in project design and implementation. It is our intent to conduct demonstrations, based upon a request for proposals earmarked for the more urbanized and service-rich communities in Iowa, of the capabilities of a comprehensive, coordinated public transportation brokerage model to address the needs of our transit dependent population. It is also our hope that the models developed can be replicated throughout Iowa.

We look forward to your favorable review of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle McEnany".

Michelle McEnany, Director
Office of Public Transit
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