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Ms. Melanie Bella
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Dear Ms. Bella,

The Iowa Department of Human Services, with the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, respectfully submits this letter of intent to pursue models of care that improve the quality of care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees by engaging CMS to confirm the State will meet established standards.

Iowa is eager to participate in programs that will integrate care, simplify processes, eliminate regulatory conflicts, and ultimately reduce expenses associated with this population. The State believes the Managed FFS Model aligns best with our current delivery system and plans to leverage comprehensive care coordination services to reach desired outcomes.

The state is open to defining the proposed service area; however we are leaning toward a statewide approach that can be implemented in late 2012.

We look forward to the benefits this opportunity will bring to our State. Please contact me at 515-256-4640 if you have any questions. Marni Bussell (Mbussel@dhs.state.ia.us) and Dennis Janssen (Djansse@dhs.state.ia.us) are additional State contacts for this initiative.

Sincerely,

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