

249N.3 Purpose — establishment of Iowa health and wellness plan — limitation.

1. The purpose of [this chapter](#) is to establish and provide for the administration of an Iowa health and wellness plan to promote all of the following:

a. Increased access to health care through a patient-centered, integrated health care system.

b. Improved quality health care outcomes.

c. Incentives to encourage personal responsibility, cost-conscious utilization of health care, and adoption of preventive practices and healthy behaviors.

d. Health care cost containment and minimization of administrative costs.

2. The Iowa health and wellness plan is established within the medical assistance program and shall be administered by the department. Except as otherwise specified in [this chapter](#), provisions applicable to the medical assistance program pursuant to [chapter 249A](#) shall be applicable to the Iowa health and wellness plan.

3. The department may contract with a third-party administrator to provide eligibility determination support, and to administer enrollment, member outreach, and other components of the Iowa health and wellness plan.

4. The provisions of [this chapter](#) shall not be construed and are not intended to affect the provision of services to medical assistance program recipients existing on January 1, 2014.

5. a. If the methodology for calculating the federal medical assistance percentage for eligible individuals, as provided in 42 U.S.C. §1396d(y), is modified through federal law or regulation, in a manner that reduces the percentage of federal assistance to the state in a manner inconsistent with 42 U.S.C. §1396d(y), or if federal law or regulation affecting eligibility or benefits for the Iowa health and wellness plan is modified, the department may implement an alternative plan as specified in the medical assistance state plan or waiver for coverage of the affected population, subject to prior, statutory approval of implementation of the alternative plan.

b. If the methodology for calculating the federal medical assistance percentage for eligible individuals, as provided in 42 U.S.C. §1396d(y), is modified through federal law or regulation resulting in a reduction of the percentage of federal assistance to the state below ninety percent but not below eighty-five percent, the medical assistance program reimbursement rates for inpatient and outpatient hospital services shall be reduced by a like percentage in the succeeding fiscal year, subject to prior, statutory approval of implementation of the reduction.

[2013 Acts, ch 138, §168, 187](#)

Section takes effect June 20, 2013, to be implemented effective January 1, 2014, contingent upon receipt of federal approval of medical assistance program state plan amendment or waiver request; transition provisions; reports to general assembly; 2013 Acts, ch 138, §186, 187