

October 27, 2026

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services submits this notice to the General Assembly and Code Editor pursuant to 2025 Iowa Acts, HF972, Section 13, Graduate Medical Education – Medicaid Supplemental Enhanced Payment. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Iowa Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) IA-25-0014 on June 5, 2026, with an effective date of July 1, 2025. The approved amendment establishes enhanced Medicaid supplemental payments for qualifying Iowa teaching hospitals to support graduate medical education (GME). This approval allows Iowa to leverage additional federal Medicaid funding to support physician residency training programs, strengthen the state's physician workforce, and promote the recruitment and retention of physicians throughout Iowa. A copy of the CMS approval letter is attached.

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Financial Management Group

June 5, 2026

Ms. Rebecca Curtiss, Medicaid Director
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RE: TN 25-0014

Dear Ms. Curtiss:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed Iowa state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-A, IA 25-0014, which was submitted to CMS on May 15, 2025. This SPA implements changes to the reimbursement rates for acute care hospital graduate medical education (GME) payments.

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements, including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903 as it relates to the identification of an adequate source for the non-federal share of expenditures under the plan, as required by 1902(a)(2), of the Social Security Act and the applicable implementing Federal regulations.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of July 1, 2025. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Fred Sebre at Fredrick.sebree@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Rory Howe
Director