

Dear Ms. Funaro,

My name is Dustin Wright and I am the CEO at Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) in Sumner, IA. Last evening (11/9/15) I attended a "Listening Session" at Waverly, IA regarding the upcoming transition to IA Health Link Program. While I support delivery innovation models and competition among MCO's the procurement and implementation timeline is far too aggressive and unrealistic. Last evening I was one of many who felt the same in regards to an unrealistic timeline. It is nearly mid-November and the program is set to begin January 1, 2016. ***You should know CMH is still missing an MCO contract after many attempts reaching out to the MCO.*** It is not feasible for CMH to negotiate a competitive contract when we cannot receive the contract in the first place. Other organizations have experienced similar situations. The timeline is far too aggressive, unrealistic and increases the potential for unintended consequences. Rushing this process will result in unnecessary patient and provider confusion, claims denials, restricted access to care and potential litigation. The State of Iowa needs to slow down. There needs to be a phase-in implementation and provide answers to critical questions before moving forward with implementation. CMH supports at least a 6 month "hold" to have an opportunity to review contracts and negotiate rates that are competitive to provide the best care possible. If not, our most vulnerable population will be at risk for not receiving the best coordinated care possible. I believe in timely execution, however, this timeframe is not realistic for CMH or any provider within the State of Iowa. Please consider these comments in support of a six month delay.

I appreciate your willingness to review my email. Please do not hesitate to call if I can explain my concerns further.

Thank you!

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