



# Iowa Medicaid Newsletter

## Endeavors Update

*A Communications Effort to Strengthen Partnerships*      *April/May 2014*

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### Iowa Medicaid Director's Column



Welcome to the combined April and May 2014 issue of *Endeavors Update*. It has been a busy spring at the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise as we worked to launch the Healthy Behaviors Program, one of the many unique components of the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. The Healthy Behaviors Program allows members to complete certain wellness activities, and have their monthly contributions waived in the next year of enrollment. There are no monthly contributions in the first year of program enrollment. This year, members need to receive a wellness exam (annual physical) and complete a health risk assessment (learn more on page 2). We are now calling on all our providers and partners to help us educate members and help members complete these activities. We will be conducting several member mailings and outreach campaigns, but we also need your assistance to get the word

out. If your organization is interested in getting involved in the outreach efforts, please contact [IMECommunications@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:IMECommunications@dhs.state.ia.us).

At the end of May, enrollment in the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan passed 100,000. This was well above our initial estimates for the first year of the program. Many thanks are due to our stakeholders, providers and diligent Certified Application Counselors who helped so many with the enrollment process.

This month also brought the end of the 2014 Legislative session. Governor Branstad recently signed the Health and Human Services appropriations bill, providing state funding for the Medicaid program. Look for more information on the impact of the 2014 Legislative session in the June issue of the newsletter.

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### Annual e-Health Summit Celebrates 10th Year

This year's Annual e-Health Summit is scheduled to take place June 24-25, 2014, at the West Des Moines Marriott Hotel. Co-sponsored by the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME), Telligent Health and Information Technology, Inc., and the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), the event is scheduled for a full day of sessions on Tuesday, June 24 and a half-day of sessions on June 25. The sessions are designed to highlight how e-Health initiatives improve health care for Iowans and position our state for the future health care environment.

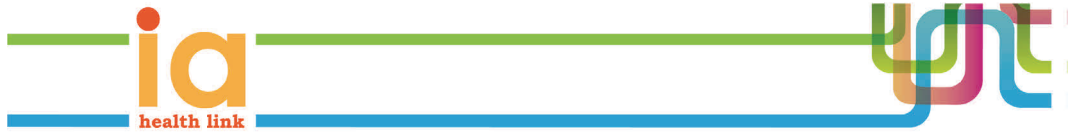
Iowa Medicaid Director, Jennifer Vermeer will be one of the keynote speakers. Marni Bussell is scheduled to speak on "Value Index Score Dashboard Tool to Manage Medicaid and Wellness Populations" at 1:15 p.m. on June 24 and will be followed at 2:15 p.m. by Pam Lester who will speak on "IME Health Home Project: The Return on Investments to Assist with PCMH Transformation".

Follow this link to find out more or to [register for this year's summit](#).

## Education and Outreach Begins on Healthy Behaviors Program



*“The Healthy Behaviors Program is a great way to get members engaged in their health care. Start talking to members about how they can complete the activities today.”*  
*Jennifer Vermeer*  
*Medicaid Director*



### New Campaign, New Look!

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise is excited to kick-off the Healthy Behaviors Program. The kick-off also launches a new branding campaign, specific to the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (Iowa Wellness Plan and Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan). You'll notice Iowa Health and Wellness Plan materials, including Healthy Behaviors tools, using this new campaign to catch members attention and engage them in their health care.

### Program Basics– Contribution Waiver

The Healthy Behaviors Program allows members to play an active role in their health care. The program also provides a way in which members can waive future monthly contributions (premiums) for their health care coverage. By completing the activities of the Healthy Behaviors Program in the first year of eligibility, the member will not have contributions in the second year of eligibility. If the activities are not completed, the member may have to pay a monthly contribution for their Iowa Health and Wellness Plan coverage.

Complete Healthy Behaviors = No Monthly Contribution

Do Not Complete Healthy Behaviors= May Have Monthly Contribution,  
Depending on Income

### 2014 Healthy Behaviors

In the first year of eligibility, members need to complete a wellness exam (annual physical) and a health risk assessment (HRA).

- **Wellness Exam:** Can be done at any time, by a Wellness Plan or Marketplace Choice Plan provider. Encourage members to schedule their appointment as soon as possible.
- **Health Risk Assessment:** Members have several options for completing the HRA. Iowa Wellness Plan members should use the Assess My Health tool. Marketplace Choice Plan members are encouraged to use the HRA tools offered by their health plans. See the [Wellness Plan member letter and flyer](#) and the [Marketplace Choice Plan member letter and flyer](#) for all the details.

A provider toolkit was also created to share all the details, billing information (Wellness Plan providers can receive \$25 for using the HRA data in a member's care plan!), member Q&A, and member outreach materials. The toolkit also includes instructions on registering for the Assess My Health tool. [Access the provider toolkit here.](#)

### Member Outreach and Education

Iowa Medicaid began the first of several member mailings about the Healthy Behaviors Program in late May. All members received a letter announcing the program. See the links above for samples. Additional reminder mailings will be sent throughout the year.

### What You Can Do

Iowa Medicaid needs the help of all our stakeholders to get the word out on Healthy Behaviors. Soon a special stakeholder toolkit will be released. You can start by speaking to members about the program when you can. Encourage members to complete the activities now, so they are worry-free for 2015.

Interested in how your organization can get involved in the outreach efforts?

Contact [IMECommunications@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:IMECommunications@dhs.state.ia.us) for more information!

## Dental Wellness Plan Launched on May 1

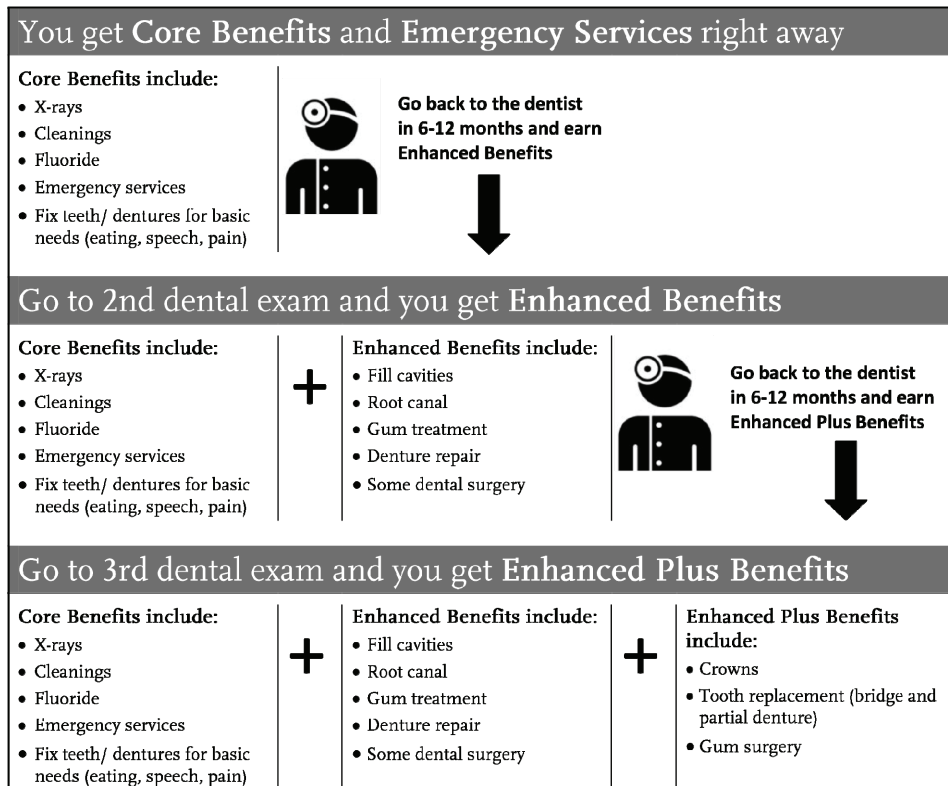
The Dental Wellness Plan began providing dental coverage to all Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members (Iowa Wellness Plan and Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan) on May 1, 2014. This new program provides an earned benefits model, administered by Delta Dental of Iowa to members.

### How the Plan Works

Members begin their coverage under the Dental Wellness Plan with a core set of benefits. Included are things like preventive care, cleanings, screenings, emergency coverage and stabilization coverage. This level of coverage is always available to members.

Once eligibility begins, a member can visit any of the more than 600 dental providers statewide contracted with the Dental Wellness Plan. During the first preventive visit, the dental provider will complete an oral risk assessment for the member, and begin the earned benefits.

If the member returns for another preventive visit 6-12 months after the initial benefit, the member is eligible for enhanced benefits. If the member returns for another preventive visit another 6-12 months after that, the member is eligible for enhanced plus benefits, the top level of benefits available.



*Like the chart? Does it help explain the program? The image on the left is part of the member welcome packet. Access the PDF and other member materials on the Dental Wellness Plan at: <http://www.dwp.iowa.com>*

### Member Outreach and Education

All Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members received an enrollment packet from Delta Dental when the program began, or ongoing when their eligibility begins. The packet explains the program and also contains a Dental Wellness Plan ID card, which should be used for dental services. You can [view samples of the materials sent to members here](#).

Learn more about the Dental Wellness Plan and its unique approach by visiting the [Dental Wellness Plan website](#).

## Lin Christensen Receives 2014 PACE Award



*Lin Christensen,  
PACE Program Director*

The National PACE Association (NPA) Public Service Award recognizes a public or elected official who has been an effective advocate for the continued growth of the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). The award is presented annually at the NPA Spring Policy Forum in Washington, DC. This year's award was presented on April 7, 2014. Nominations are accepted by the NPA from any of the PACE organizations in the United States.

The 2014 PACE Public Service Award went to Iowa Medicaid PACE Program Director, Lin Christensen, who was nominated this year for this honor by Iowa's current PACE organizations, Immanuel Pathways PACE and Siouxland PACE.

The State, in close collaboration with the potential PACE provider, completes a detailed application for CMS approval. Per Federal standards, continued partnership is required with the PACE provider and with CMS to ensure the implementation of a quality program for PACE members.

PACE serves persons with chronic health care concerns who are 55 years of age or older and live in a designated PACE county. The mission of a PACE program is to keep its members as healthy as possible, continue to live in their own homes and remain connected with their communities. A PACE provider coordinates and provides all preventive, primary, acute and long-term care that is needed.

Congratulations to Lin for her hard work on Iowa's PACE program!

## Integrated Health Home Initiative Expands Across Iowa

Magellan is pleased to announce that Phase III providers for the Integrated Health Home (IHH) initiative have been selected and are now diligently preparing for their new responsibilities in an integrated health care environment. With these selections, all 40 IHH providers have now been named statewide.

The Integrated Health Home initiative is a partnership between the Iowa Department of Human Services and Magellan Behavioral Care of Iowa. Initially launched in five counties in July 2013, IHH is an innovative care model designed to provide integrated, whole-person care to Medicaid-eligible individuals with serious mental illness and to children with serious emotional disturbances. In April 2014, implementation of Phase II began in an additional 28 counties. Beginning July 1, with the addition of the Phase III providers, IHH will now encompass all 99 Iowa counties.

An IHH is a team-based health care delivery model which provides comprehensive care for qualifying adults and children. These teams include professionals such as nurse care managers, therapists, social workers and peer and family specialists. IHH teams set up individual and family support services, community and social supports, and health and wellness activities for members. The IHH teams are able to assist members transitioning back to the community following hospitalizations, residential placements, and other levels of care.

Magellan is very excited about the continued roll-out of the IHH initiative and its potential for improved care coordination, health outcomes, and access to services. We look forward to sharing positive data about the initiative and its impact on Iowans and our communities as it becomes available. A complete list of all IHH providers can be found at [www.Magellanoflowa.com](http://www.Magellanoflowa.com).

## HCBS Settings Transition Plan Public Comment Period

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has published regulations to better define the settings in which states can provide Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). The final rule was published in January 2014 and became effective March 17, 2014. The purpose of these regulations is to ensure that individuals receive Medicaid HCBS in settings that are integrated in and support full access to the greater community. They will also ensure that members have a choice in where they live and who provides their services.

The regulations require the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) to submit a transition plan to CMS with the first waiver renewal application. The IME submitted a draft version of a transition plan on March 31, 2014, as part of the renewal process for the Intellectual Disability (ID) Waiver. However, the rule also requires the IME to seek input from the public in the development of the transition plan before a finalized version is submitted to CMS.

The IME has made the draft transition plan available for public comment from May 1, 2014, to May 31, 2014, through a series of [Public Meetings](#). The HCBS Settings Transition plan is available from the IME's HCBS [webpage](#) along with a white paper and an initial settings analysis. These materials have also been distributed to provider associations, consumer advocacy organizations and other potentially interested stakeholders.

Comments on the HCBS Settings Transition plan and settings analysis should be submitted in writing to: [HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us).

## Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Request for Information

On March 20, 2014, the Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME), released a Request for Information (RFI) on its Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) program. The purpose of the RFI is to seek comments and responses from Medicaid members, advocates, constituents, and potential bidders on the scope of the service involving non-emergency medical transportation.

Three public meetings were organized by the IME in Council Bluffs, Des Moines, and Cedar Rapids with the aim to provide alternative opportunities for Medicaid members, advocates, constituents and potential bidders to express comments and responses on the RFI. The NEMT program is currently utilized by approximately 1.3 percent of the 405,000 eligible members.

The RFI addresses a variety of issues including the re-procurement process, the timeline and content of the next Request for Proposal (RFP), the current Broker (TMS Management Group/Access2Care), and member feedback on the quality of the services provided by the current service broker. Information gathered is intended to evaluate the services and determine actions to be taken to improve the quality and efficacy of the NEMT program.



*"The sessions provided DHS with feedback needed for the next phase of the NEMT process."*

*Tim Weltzin  
NEMT Program Manager*

## ACA Impact: Medicaid Enrollment Update

The federal Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment period ended on March 31, 2014, with the exception of special enrollment periods.

**Medicaid enrollment will continue throughout the year.** There is no open enrollment period for any Medicaid program, which means individuals may sign up all year long. This includes the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (Iowa Wellness Plan and Marketplace Choice Plan), which is a Medicaid program and follows Medicaid enrollment policies.

To apply for any Medicaid program, individuals may continue to:

- Go online: <https://dhsservices.iowa.gov/>
- Call the DHS Contact Center at 1-855-889-7985, 7 a.m.–6 p.m., Monday– Friday
- Visit a local DHS office.

### Iowa Health and Wellness Plan Enrollment

Enrollment in the new Iowa Health and Wellness Plan continues to increase daily. Enrollment figures as of May 30, 2014, are as follows:

Iowa Wellness Plan (0-100% of the Federal Poverty Level)	Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan (101-133% of the Federal Poverty Level)	Total Iowa Health and Wellness Plan
80,564	21,996	102,530

## Iowa Medicaid Program Integrity Launches Newsletter

Program Integrity is charged with reducing fraud, waste and abuse in the Iowa Medicaid program. Iowa Medicaid Program Integrity teams up with the Iowa Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) in a collaborative endeavor to combat fraud, waste, and abuse in the system. Iowa Medicaid Program Integrity has created “Program Integrity Update”, a semi-annual newsletter that will become a feature section in the IME monthly newsletter. Iowa Program Integrity is pleased to present the premier issue of its newsletter, “[Program Integrity Update](#)”.

This initial newsletter is intended to provide you with an overview of Program Integrity and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. In future newsletters, watch for information related to completed cases that will be part of the regular newsletter feature.

For more information, access the website of the [Iowa Medicaid Program Integrity Unit](#).

## “Health Home Happenings” Newsletter

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise produces a regular newsletter for Health Home providers in order to share important information with Health Homes. The April edition includes an introduction of the new Health Home Program Coordinator, Pamela Lester. The newsletter also shares tips on correcting billing errors, an update on the Health Home 2.0 initiative, and new Health Home providers in the state.

Click here to read the newsletter:

<http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Health%20Home%20Newsletter%20April%2014%20-%20FINAL.pdf>.

## Dennis Janssen Retires as Clinical Director

Dennis Janssen has retired from state service as of May 16, 2014. He began employment with the state of Iowa in 1997 and was hired primarily to assist with the oversight of managed care programs. Prior to his work with the state, he was an outreach principal with Unisys/Paramax, the Medicaid fiscal agent. In that role he traveled the state of Iowa to develop the MediPASS provider panel.

Dennis' employment with the state of Iowa allowed him to continue working with the managed care programs. His experience and knowledge of provider systems and insurance coverage and medical service operations served as an asset to the Medicaid program. While with the Medicaid program the Iowa Plan was developed and first awarded in its current form. Over the years he also provided guidance to the MediPASS program and managed contracts with several health maintenance organizations.

After consolidation of the bureau of clinical services with another policy bureau, he was named the clinical director of the program and became part of the oversight of clinical activities across all areas of the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise. He is leaving, as he puts it, "with a great appreciation for the tremendous effort put forth by fellow staff who will continue to meet the challenges of providing services for Iowa's most vulnerable families."



*"We cannot express how thankful we are for the great contributions Dennis has made to the Iowa Medicaid program during his time here. His work and knowledge will be greatly missed, and we wish him the best in his retirement."*

*Julie Lovelady  
Deputy Medicaid Director*

## Liz Matney Named Managed Care Director

Liz Matney has been named the new Managed Care Director, taking over many of the responsibilities previously held by Dennis Janssen. Liz will be responsible for the managed care program (MediPASS and the Wellness Plan), managed care organization, and the Iowa Plan.

Liz has previously worked for Iowa Medicaid as the Quality Assurance Manager for the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Quality Oversight Unit. In her role with the HCBS Quality Oversight Unit, Liz reported HCBS Waiver Program data to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Liz also worked closely on policy development and initiative planning for other Long Term Care programs at Iowa Medicaid.

Prior to her promotion as the Quality Assurance Manager, Liz served as the Incident Reporting Specialist with the HCBS Quality Oversight Team. Her duties were similar, working to ensure quality services for Medicaid members and report issues to the proper authorities.

In her new role as the Managed Care Director, Liz says she is most looking forward to "being a part of system transformation and engaging with the health plans to improve the outcomes for Medicaid members."

In her free time, Liz loves to be outside with her dogs, and also loves to spend time with her family.

Please join us in congratulating Liz on her new role as Managed Care Director!



*Liz Matney,  
Managed Care Director*

## 2014 Annual Provider Training Sessions Announced

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) values the Annual Provider Training as a critical tool to establish and maintain partnerships between the IME and its provider community. Last year's training sessions were attended by a total of 2,668 providers. The sessions covered specific topics on General Medicaid Policies and Procedures, Documentation Standards, Managed Care, and Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers and Habilitation including individual Consumer-Directed Attendant Care (CDAC).

This year, the 2014 Annual Provider Training team is pleased to offer 22 training sessions in 11 different communities throughout the state designed to further inform and educate participating IME providers. All day workshops containing three training seminars have been created to meet the continuing demand for information. **The same workshop will be offered twice in each community where it is presented.**

The 2014 Annual Provider Training will include the following topics:

- **Iowa Medicaid – Beyond the Basics:**  
A discussion of various topics important for all providers ranging from the importance of the Provider Agreement to understanding provider resources.
- **Iowa Medicaid – Managed Care:**  
A discussion of the different Managed Care programs offered by Iowa Medicaid. This is intended to educate providers about the various programs that encompass Managed Care including the new programs in 2014.
- **Innovations and Initiatives:**  
An overview of recent and upcoming changes that affect all providers.

As in previous years, the sessions will present an opportunity for providers to have face-to-face discussions with representatives from Iowa Medicaid. Similar to last year, the IME will be using an online registration tool to prevent overbooking of the training sessions and to simplify the sign-in process at each venue.

To register for the training session of your choice, simply go to the IME website at <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/Providers/tools-trainings-and-services/ATRegistration/APT>.

Location of Training	Available Dates
Waterloo	June 11-12
Council Bluffs	June 17-18
Cedar Rapids	June 24-25
Marshalltown	July 1-2
Burlington	July 7-8
Mason City	July 15-16
Davenport	July 22-23
Fort Dodge	July 29-30
Dubuque	August 5-6
Sioux City	August 19-20
Des Moines	August 26-27



## Nurses Week 2014

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6 through May 12. In 2014, the American Nurses Association Nurses Week theme was “Nurses Leading the Way.” National Nurses Week is devoted to highlighting the wide variety of ways in which registered nurses are working to improve health care. Today, nurses make up the largest health care profession.

The field of nursing is rapidly evolving, and nurses must face new challenges each day while diligently serving their patients. Nurses play such an important role in health care, and have a significant impact on quality, patient experience and outcomes.

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) employs a variety of nurses with varying clinical backgrounds, coming together to provide years of expertise and experience in the field. The nurses of the IME work in different areas of the department to help best manage the Iowa Medicaid population. Nurses at the IME oversee the Disease Management program, review prior authorizations for certain services, review “level of care” documentation for long term care services, provide quality assurance and utilization review to make sure the Medicaid program operates effectively and efficiently.

Please join us in thanking all of the nurses who represent Medical Services, Member Services, Program Integrity and the **hawk-i** program. A very heartfelt thank you also goes out to all nurses who help serve our Iowa Medicaid members across the state.



*“Thank you to all the nurses at the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise and all the nurses across Iowa who serve Iowa Medicaid members. Your dedication to your profession and your patients is appreciated by all.”*

*Julie Lovelady,  
Deputy Medicaid Director,  
Registered Nurse*

## Implementation Delay of ICD-10

Recently enacted legislation, H.R. 4302, Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014, has delayed the mandated implementation of the International Classification of Diseases, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition (ICD-10) code use previously scheduled for October 1, 2014.

The IME is awaiting direction from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as to the new schedule for ICD-10 implementation. We know that implementation of ICD-10 coding will not happen before October 1, 2015. Updates will be communicated by the IME as information becomes available. The IME ICD-10 team remains available to assist with end-to-end testing of provider claims. Electronic Data Interchange Support Services (EDISS) rolled out a new, enhanced ICD-10 testing environment called, “EDISS Connect” which replaced the former EDISS testing environment called “Total Onboarding (TOB)” system. As of April 16, 2014, “EDISS Connect” is the new testing environment for ICD-10.

For more detailed information regarding the delay on the implementation of ICD-10 and the process involved in utilizing the new ICD-10 testing environment called “EDISS Connect”, please access [Informational Letter No. 1379](#).

Contact the ICD-10 team with questions at [ICD-10project@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:ICD-10project@dhs.state.ia.us).

## Iowa Department of Human Services Launches New Website

The Iowa Department of Human Services has launched a new, user-friendly website at <http://www.dhs.iowa.gov>. Users of the new website will find that it is audience-focused and quickly drives users to comprehensive information on various DHS programs. The new website also provides a responsive platform for a better experience when using mobile devices such as tablets and smart phones.

“Iowans will find that the new website focuses on their needs and rapidly gets them to the information they’re looking for. The website puts a spotlight on what’s new at DHS, and how the agency’s programs can assist Iowans,” said DHS Director Charles M. Palmer.

Please use the links below, as the new website also includes the new, permanent links for all Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) content. You may begin to update bookmarks to the IME webpages that you may have established in the old IME website.

- DHS Homepage: <http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/>
- IME Homepage: <http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/ime>
- About Iowa Medicaid Homepage: <http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about>
- IME Member Homepage: <http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members>
- IME Provider Homepage: <http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers>

## DHS to Begin Core Standardized Assessments and Supports Intensity Scale

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) will conduct core standardized assessments (CSA) and begin development of a resource allocation methodology for specific Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver populations. Through a procurement process, the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) selected Telligen, Inc, to be the independent vendor to administer core standardized assessments to persons seeking long term services and supports. A core standardized assessment is a tool for gathering information from the individuals in the same HCBS population by asking a standard set of questions about basic functional skills and abilities. Core standardized assessment tools are designed to identify the strengths and support needs of the individual and take into account the opinions of the individual, as well as the needs of the person's family or caregivers.

For members who receive services through the Intellectual Disability Waiver or Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID), a new type of assessment, the Supports Intensity Scale® (SIS) will be utilized. The SIS® is a core standardized assessment tool used to evaluate the support needs of a person with an Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability through a positive interview process. Stakeholders will be engaged through planned webinars and face-to-face learning sessions which will be announced on the CSA webpage when they are finalized. More information on the implementation of the SIS® is available on the [CSA webpage](#).



*“The implementation of the CSA process is an exciting first step towards accomplishing one of the key structural components of the Balancing Incentive Program.”*  
Pat Johnston  
BIP Program Manager

## Monthly Medicaid Projections

The Medicaid forecasting group met at the end of March to update the SFY14 – SFY15 Medicaid estimates. At this meeting, the forecasting group established a midpoint SFY15 expenditure estimate of \$1.578 million. This estimate is inclusive of the additional costs associated with the Affordable Care Act woodwork/welcome mat effect.

The Health and Human Services (HHS) appropriation bill passed at the end of session includes \$8.2 million in new Medicaid expenditures; the majority of which is for HCBS waiver waiting list reductions and provider rate increases. Incorporating this additional spending into the forecasting group midpoint results in a revised SFY15 expenditure estimate of \$1.586 million. The SFY15 Medicaid appropriation is funded near the low-end of the forecasting group range, which results in a \$34 million gap between available revenue and the midpoint expenditure estimate. Further detail is provided in the table below. The level of authorized revenue and spending is subject to change as the Governor has not yet signed the HHS appropriation bill.

Medicaid Funding Estimates	
	SFY15
<b>State Revenue (Legislative Assumptions)</b>	
General Fund	\$1,250,658,393
Other State Funds	\$301,051,689
<b>Total State Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,551,710,082</b>
<b>State Expenditures</b>	
Forecasting Group Midpoint	\$1,577,569,144
Legislative Action	\$8,240,938
<b>Total State Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,585,810,082</b>
<b>Year-End Balance</b>	<b>(\$34,100,000)</b>

## Regular Feature: Informational Letters: March-April 2014

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise publishes provider bulletins, also known as information letters, to clarify existing policy details or explain new policy. Bulletins are posted on a website.

The “Endeavors Update” will highlight informational letters released in the preceding month. Topics of March and April 2014 informational letters included:

### March 2014

- 1374: Distinct Enrollment for Medicaid Certified Units
- 1372: Online Dashboard Education and Training for Value Index Score
- 1371: MediPASS and Wellness Plan Patient Listings-Electronic Only
- 1370: 2014 Civil Money Penalty Quality Improvement Initiative Grant (CMPQII)
- 1369: Submission of Approved Exception to Policy (ETP) Requests
- 1368: Iowa Marketplace Choice Medical Wraparound Services
- 1367: Hospice in Conjunction with Other Medicaid Services
- 1366: Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) Impact Fiscal Analysis for ICD-10 Implementation
- 1365: Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Payment Program and Meaningful Use Attestation Updates
- 1364: Outpatient Therapy Rates in a Skilled Facility
- 1363: Iowa Marketplace Choice and Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and treatment (EPSDT) Services

### April 2014

- 1383: HCBS Settings Transition Plan Public Comment Period
- 1382: Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Program Changes
- 1381: HCBS Waiver Brain Injury (BI) Online Training Modules
- 1380: Modifier for Dental Screening Provided By a Registered Nurse
- 1379: ICD-10 Implementation Delayed
- 1378: Legal Representatives as Paid Employees
- 1376: New Health Home Per-Member Per-Month (PMPM) Attestation Process
- 1375: Skilled Nursing Services Available Under the Iowa Wellness Plan
- 1373: Reminders on Encounter Code Billing

View the complete list of informational letters by year at:

<http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/rulesandpolicies/bulletins>



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*The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) is an endeavor, started in 2005, to unite State staff with "best of breed" contractors into a performance-based model for administration of the Medicaid program.*

*The Medicaid program is funded by State and Federal governments with a total budget of approximately \$4 billion. The \$4 billion funds payments for medical claims to over 38,000 health care providers statewide.*

*Iowa Medicaid is the second largest health care payer in Iowa. The program is expected to serve over 698,000 Iowans, or 23%, of the population in State Fiscal Year 2014.*

## **Iowa Medicaid Upcoming Events:**

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| June 11:    | <b>June Council on Human Services Meeting</b><br><a href="#">Learn more here</a>            |
| June 11-12  | <b>Annual Medicaid Provider Training– Waterloo</b><br><a href="#">Learn more here</a>       |
| June 17-18: | <b>Annual Medicaid Provider Training– Council Bluffs</b><br><a href="#">Learn more here</a> |
| June 24-25: | <b>Annual Medicaid Provider Training– Cedar Rapids</b><br><a href="#">Learn more here</a>   |

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