State of Iowa

**State Request for Waiver of Evaluation Requirement for a Well-Supported Practice**

**Instructions:** This request must be used if a title IV-E agency seeks a waiver of section 471(e)(5)(B)(iii)(V) of the Social Security Act (the Act) for a well-supported practice, and will remain in effect on an ongoing basis. This waiver request must be re-submitted anytime there is a change to the information below.

Section 471(e)(5)(B)(iii)(V) of the Act requires each title IV-E agency to implement a well-designed and rigorous evaluation strategy for each program or service, which may include a cross-site evaluation approved by ACF. In accordance with section 471(e)(5)(C)(ii) of the Act, a title IV-E agency may request that ACF grant a waiver of the rigorous evaluation for a well-supported practice if the evidence of the effectiveness the practice is: 1) compelling and; 2) the state meets the continuous quality improvement requirements included in section 471(e)(5)(B)(iii)(II) of the Act with regard to the practice. The state title IV-E agency must demonstrate the effectiveness of the practice.

**The state title IV-E agency must submit a separate request for each well-supported program or service for which the state is requesting a waiver under section 471(e)(5)(C)(ii) of the Act.**

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Name of State Agency) requests a waiver of an evaluation of a well-supported practice in accordance with section 471(e)(5)(C)(ii) of the Act for Motivational Interviewing (MI) (Name of Program/Service) and has included documentation assuring the evidence of the effectiveness of this well-supported practice is: 1) compelling and; 2) the state meets the continuous quality improvement requirements supporting this request.

**Signature**: This certification must be signed by the official with authority to sign the title IV-E plan, and submitted to the appropriate Children's Bureau Regional Office for approval.

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