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Ms. Cheryl Harding
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Dear Ms. Harding:

This letter is a formal notification of the state's expectations related to the operations and implementation of Iowa Medicaid under the managed care program. This purpose of this letter is to do following:

- ☒ Provide formal guidance
- ☐ Request for information

Content

The Managed Care Organization (MCO) receives payment for long term services and supports based on the status of the member on the first of the month. Money Follows the Person (MFP) members can transition from a facility anytime during the month. When a MCO enrolled member transitions out of a facility to community based services through MFP, the MCO that the member is assigned to receives the Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) capitation payment for that full month regardless of the date the MFP member transitions. During the MFP grant period (365 days after the member moves from the facility) the MFP transition specialist is responsible for the community based case management activities but the MCO should be part of the interdisciplinary team to assist where needed. The MCO continues to be responsible for medical and behavioral health services and will work with the transition specialist to provide seamless care coordination for these MFP members.

The MFP member receives 365 days of MFP grant funded services after the date the member transitions from the facility. During this time, the MCO is not financially responsible for the LTSS services the member is receiving. The services available include the menu of services from the Intellectual Disability (ID) Waiver or the HCBS Brain Injury (BI) Waiver along with other enhanced services which are also funded through the MFP grant.

On day 366, the funding of long term services and supports for previous MFP grant funded members transitions over to an HCBS waiver program. This may occur on any day of the month. LTSS received under the MFP program need to continue for that MFP member under

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the HCBS waiver that the member is participating in. The MCO the MFP member is assigned to is responsible for payment of the LTSS services for the partial month although the LTSS capitation payment does not begin again until the first of the following month. The MCO should already be aware of the member's needs and dates of transition as they are part of the interdisciplinary team.

Please sign and return the attached receipt and attestation of understanding by close of business June 6, 2016.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Matney
Managed Care Oversight and Support Bureau Chief

Attestation:

I hereby attest to understanding this communication including all requirements and due dates.

Name_____

Date_____