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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 1334

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**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Hospitals

**ISSUED BY:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**SUBJECT:** Presumptive Eligibility Changes under the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

**EFFECTIVE:** January 1, 2014

The department currently offers Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Medicaid through existing Qualified Entities (QE) to children under the age of 19, pregnant women, and individuals needing treatment in the breast and cervical cancer treatment (BCCT) program.

Effective January 1, 2014, Iowa will implement an ACA requirement that will give all hospitals enrolled with Iowa Medicaid the option to become a QE. Hospitals that enroll as a QE will be able to complete presumptive eligibility determinations for 5 of the 6 eligibility categories.

Only Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCEDP) hospitals will be allowed to complete all 6 categories that would include PE for Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment (BCCT). The 6 eligibility categories are:

1. Children under the age of 19.
2. Pregnant women (coverage of services limited to ambulatory prenatal care).
3. Parents and caretaker relatives.
4. Individuals 19 or older and under 65.
5. Former foster care children under age 26.
6. Individuals needing treatment for breast or cervical cancer.

Iowa is currently in the process of developing a new presumptive provider self-service portal, called the Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility Portal (MPEP). When launched, MPEP will be used for presumptive eligibility determinations currently done on the Iowa Medicaid Portal Access (IMPA) system as well as the expanded presumptive eligibility determinations allowed under the ACA.

Future informational letters will follow detailing information for providers who wish to certify as a QE. The letters will also clarify how to sign up and gain access to the training materials for MPEP. The department anticipates the training and access will begin in mid-December.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit via email at: [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us). Please show **Presumptive** in the subject line of the email.