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TO: All Iowa Medicaid Enrolled General Hospitals, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics (RHC), Clinics, Community Mental Health, Area Education Agencies, Nurse Practitioners, Indian Health Service (IHS), Family Planning, Mental Hospitals, Screening Centers, Maternal Health Centers, Certified Nurse Midwives, Birthing Centers, Federal Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Local Education Agencies, and Public Health Agencies

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Presumptive Eligibility (PE) Changes under the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

Effective January 2, 2014, [Informational Letter No.1334](#)¹ announced the implementation of an ACA requirement that gave all hospitals enrolled with Iowa Medicaid the option to become a Qualified Entity (QE) in order to make PE determinations for the following six eligibility categories:

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 age 19 through 64
5. Former foster care children under age 26
6. Individuals needing treatment for breast or cervical cancer**

Recent Iowa legislation expanded the categories of providers eligible to become a QE and make presumptive determinations effective as of July 1, 2014. The provider type categories listed on the table below can now become a certified QE and complete PE for all of the first five categories listed above (**only Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCEDP) hospitals will be allowed to complete all six categories that would include PE for Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment).

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<http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1334%20Presumptive%20Eligibility%20Changes%20under%20the%20Affordable%20Care%20Act%20%28ACA%29.pdf>

General Hospital	Family Planning
Physician MD	Mental Hospital
Physician DO	Screening Center
Rural Health Clinic (RHC)	Maternal Health Center
Clinic	Certified Nurse Midwife
Community Mental Health	Birth Center
Area Education Agency	Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Nurse Practitioner	Local Education Agency
Indian Health Service	Public Health Agencies

If you would like to be a QE authorized to determine PE and are enrolled in one of the applicable categories, please complete the [Application for Certification to Become a Qualified Entity](#)². You may contact the IME Provider Enrollment Unit at 1-800 338-7909 (option 2), or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 (option 2) or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

For more information on PE or the Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility Portal (MPEP) visit the [Medicaid Tools for Providers](#)³ DHS webpage.

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[http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Application%20for%20Certification%20to%20Become%20A%20Qualified%20Entity%20\(QE\).pdf](http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Application%20for%20Certification%20to%20Become%20A%20Qualified%20Entity%20(QE).pdf)

³ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/tools-trainings-and-services/provider-tools>