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Ian McCaslin, M.D., M.P.H.
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Dear Dr. McCaslin:

Thank you for your letter regarding Medicaid health home services in Missouri. Your letter asks whether a single State plan amendment (SPA) can be used to implement a health home program for more than one population, and whether each new health home program would be eligible for 8 quarters of 90 percent Federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP).

I'm pleased to tell you that Missouri may indeed receive separate periods of enhanced FMAP for separate health home programs. In your example, ~~Iowa~~ ^{Missouri} could receive 8 quarters of 90 percent FMAP for health home services provided to individuals with a mental illness, and a separate 8 quarters of enhanced FMAP for health home services provided to another population implemented at a later date. It is important to note that States will not be able to receive more than one 8-quarter period of enhanced FMAP for each health home enrollee. Additional periods of enhanced FMAP would be for new individuals served through either a geographic expansion of an existing health home program, or the implementation of a new or expanded health home program designed for individuals with different chronic conditions.

Given the disparate effective dates of your proposed health home programs, my preference would be the submission of separate SPAs, one SPA for each program. We can discuss this further if you feel this is not the best approach.

Thank you for your enthusiasm in implementing health home programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Peltz of my staff at 410-786-3399.

Sincerely,

Barbara Coulter Edwards
Director