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AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

Action Requested: Consider approval of the following amendment to the FY 2009 operating appropriations request for \$20 million for supplemental funds for the IowaCare Program.

Executive Summary: Iowa Code requires state entities to submit appropriations requests for the ensuing fiscal year to the state on or before October 1.

The Iowa Department of Human Services initiated the IowaCare Program on July 1, 2005, to provide certain health care benefits to qualified Iowans. The UIHC is one of a very limited number of providers within the state of Iowa that is eligible to provide IowaCare services. The original request of \$27,284,584 maintained the funding for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics to provide care at the same level as previous years.

The General Assembly has provided additional support with Supplemental Appropriations and has designated \$20 million for FY 2009. These supplemental funds are used only if the first \$27 million in funds are depleted and are based on need. UIHC requests for these funds are made through the Board office. As such it is appropriate to amend the Appropriations Request to include \$20 million in supplemental funding for FY 2009.