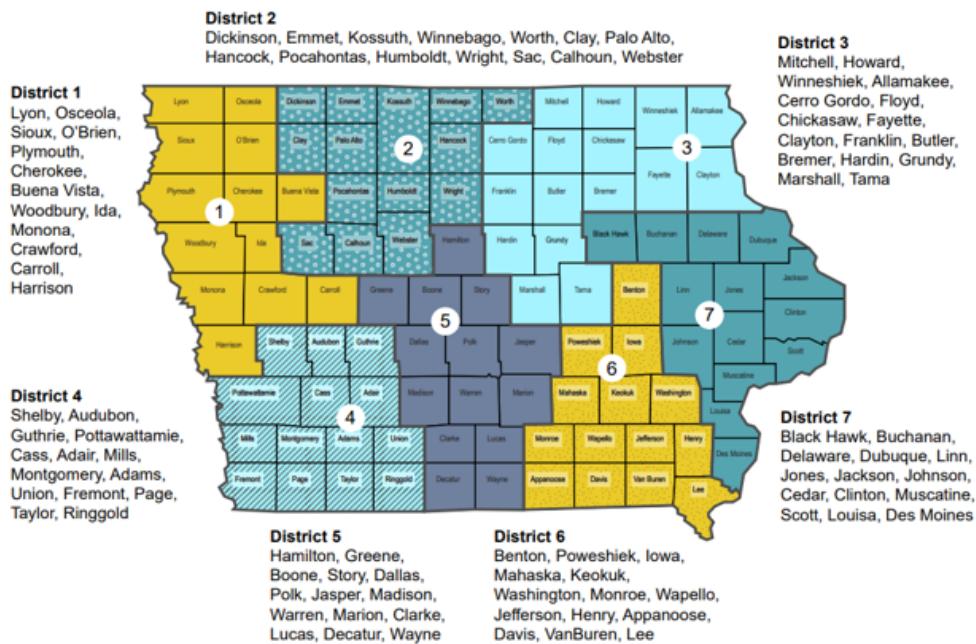


Alignment of HHS Districts SSB3082/HSB622



What does this bill propose?

The bill requires HHS to establish Health and Human Services districts for program and service delivery.

- Initial districts will align with existing Behavioral Health districts.
- HHS may review and adjust district boundaries at least every seven years based on specified factors.
- Alignment of Aging and Disability Services with HHS districts is contingent upon federal approval.

What are HHS Districts?



HHS districts are geographic areas created to improve coordination, communication, and collaboration among partners, making services more efficient for Iowans.

Districts do **not** define service boundaries or limit partnerships. They standardize system alignment efforts, modernizing how services are delivered.

How will districts be used for collaboration?



Partners will work together locally and across districts to address health and social issues. Using districts across HHS service systems—Aging & Disability, Behavioral Health, Community Access & Eligibility, Family Well-being & Protection, and Public Health—helps meet Iowans' needs while maximizing limited resources.

Alignment of Volunteer Services SSB3082/HSB622

- **Establishment of a Unit.** The bill creates a Volunteerism Unit that will operate under the administrative authority of HHS.
- **Leadership Structure.** The Director of HHS is tasked with appointing an Executive Director of the Volunteerism Unit to oversee the unit and manage volunteer service programs.
- **Personnel and Delegated Duties.** HHS is authorized to employ staff as needed to carry out the responsibilities of the Volunteerism Unit as delegated by the Commission on Volunteer Services in accordance with federal law.

Current State → Future State

Aspect	Current State	Future State
Commission Role	Governor-appointed, independent policy making body; delegates non-policy responsibilities to staff members housed at HHS	Remains the same
Federal Relationship	Commission receives funding and sets policy	Remains the same
Organizational Structure	Commission makes policy decisions; staff provide non-policy support when delegated by Commission	Remains the same
Staffing & Fiscal Support	Provided through a cooperative agreement; HHS is employer of record for staff positions supported by the agreement	Volunteer Services Unit (VSU) in HHS provides support and fiscal management; VSU connects Commission to state and HHS goals

Key Takeaways



Federal Compliance Maintained: The change protects the Commission's relationship with AmeriCorps and meets federal requirements.



Better Integration: Volunteer service becomes more embedded in HHS operations, priorities, and service delivery coordination.



Strategic Alignment: Staff roles are better aligned with state-level goals and initiatives without disrupting the existing organizational chart.



Commission Independence: The Commission on Volunteer Services continues to set policy and guide national service in Iowa.