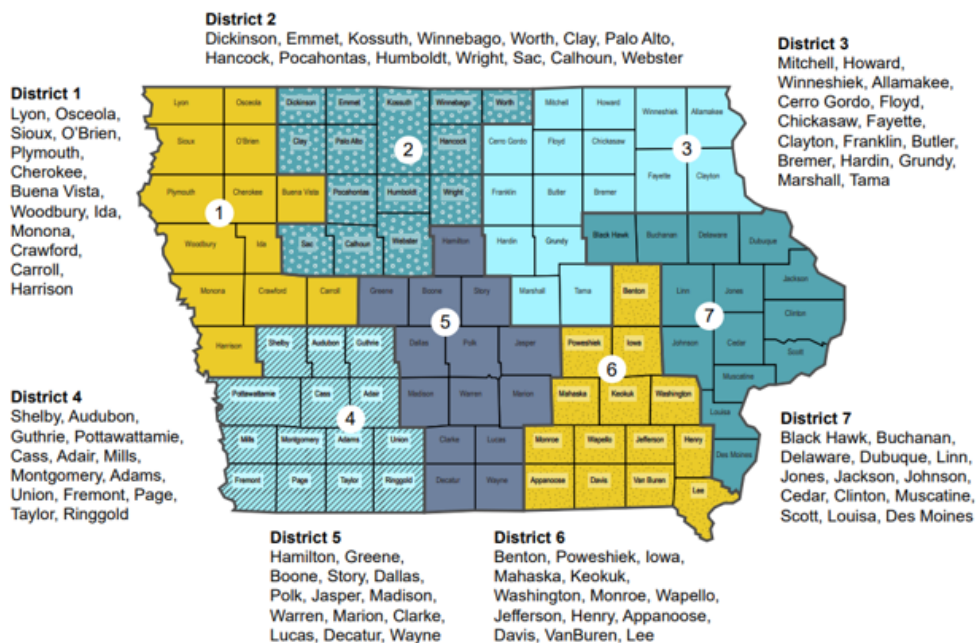


# Alignment of HHS Districts SSB3082/HSB622



## 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
<b>Commission Role</b>	Governor-appointed, independent policy making body; delegates non-policy responsibilities to staff members housed at HHS	Remains the same
<b>Federal Relationship</b>	Commission receives funding and sets policy	Remains the same
<b>Organizational Structure</b>	Commission makes policy decisions; staff provide non-policy support when delegated by Commission	Remains the same
<b>Staffing &amp; Fiscal Support</b>	Provided through a cooperative agreement; HHS is employer of record for staff positions supported by the agreement	<b>Volunteer Services Unit (VSU)</b> 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.