

Notice of Intent to Release

To all interested parties:

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (the Agency) is providing this notice of intent to release a request for proposal (RFP) on or around July 2026, for Maternal Health Hub and Spoke networks. This procurement is for establishing the framework for hub and spoke networks of care for the delivery of maternal health care in Iowa. The Agency anticipates successful applicants will be required to complete some activities related to behavioral health care for the maternal health population.

The Agency anticipates that this work may include forming rural provider strategic partnerships, advancing telehealth, establishing referral networks and agreements (particularly among non-affiliated provider organizations), provider recruitment, equipment purchases and associated minor renovations, and other funds needed to establish or advance the provision of maternal health care at hub and spoke sites. Please see the Agency's Rural Health Transformation Grant website ([Rural Health Transformation \(RHT\) | Health & Human Services](#)) for additional information about the Healthy Hometowns initiative.

The Agency anticipates requiring applicants to submit copies of legally executed agreements between proposed hub sites and spoke sites to demonstrate their collective commitment to work on this project collaboratively.

The RFP for Maternal Health Hub and Spoke, RFP # COMPADM26006, that the Agency anticipates releasing on or around July 2026, will be posted to [IowaGrants](#). The following is a tentative timeline for the RFP; these dates are estimates and are subject to change:

- **July-August 2026** Question and answer period after release of the RFP
- **September 2026:** Deadline for bid proposals.



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- **October-November 2026:** HHS to award contract(s)

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Sincerely,

Stacey Hewitt
Issuing Officer