

Notice of Intent to Release

THE IOWA DENTAL WELLNESS PLAN AND HAWKI DENTAL PAHP RFP (RFP MED-24-004)

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 April 2023, to procure the most qualified pre-paid ambulatory health plan (PAHP) to deliver high-quality dental health care services to the citizens of Iowa.

The Agency intends to procure contracts with the PAHPs with the demonstrated capacity to coordinate care and provide quality outcomes for the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) populations. The final number of awarded contracts under this competitive procurement will be determined at the sole discretion of the Agency.

Potential bidders are encouraged to acquaint themselves with the Iowa Dental Wellness Plan and the Hawki program, the population that it serves, as well as the program goals and initiatives.

Although comments and questions are encouraged, please be advised that the Agency will only respond to questions submitted via the RFP Q&A process that occurs after the RFP release date. The RFP for Iowa Dental Wellness Plan and Hawki Dental PAHP, RFP MED-24-004, that the Agency anticipates releasing on or around January 2023, will be posted to the state's procurement website at [PROCIDAS Bidding Opportunities | Iowa Department of Administrative Services](#). The following is a tentative timeline for the RFP; these dates are estimates and are subject to change:

Spring 2023: Question and answer period after release of the RFP

Summer 2023: Deadline for bid proposals.

Fall 2023: HHS to award contract(s)

Fall 2023: PAHP onboarding to begin.

Spring 2024: PAHP readiness review

Summer 2024: PAHP operations to begin.