



## **Collaborative Service Areas for WIC, MCAH, I-Smile and 1<sup>st</sup> Five Frequently Asked Questions**

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These FAQs are being updated and posted as the need arises. If you print the FAQs, please note the date above to ensure you have the most updated version.

**Q1: What would be the financial allocation to our service area? Even a ballpark would be helpful to determine how we might need to build capacity.**

A1: Final funding formulas and allocations have not been determined and will not be released until the Request for Proposals (RFPs) are released. In order to provide estimated funding by county historically available, the funding allocation tables from the most recent RFPs for WIC, MCAH (including I-Smile), and 1<sup>st</sup> Five are available on the CSA webpage:

- FFY2017 WIC Funding Allocation Table by County
- FFY2017 MCAH Funding Allocation Table by County
- 1<sup>st</sup> Five Funding Allocation by County

**Q2: Given the significant administrative burden that will be transferred. to the contract holder for each CSA, I'm wondering if there will be a funding allocation provided to each contract holder to attempt to offset that resource cost.**

A2: There will not be a separate funding allocation provided for administration of the CSA. Applicants will be able to determine how funding will be distributed for the CSA, as well as charge the appropriate indirect cost or administrative costs.

**Q3: Will 1<sup>st</sup> Five be funded to cover all 99 counties?**

A3: At this time, 1st Five covers 88 of Iowa's 99 counties as directed by the state appropriation. We are examining if additional resources may be identified to provide 1st Five services in all 99 counties. Final determination will be identified in the upcoming RFP.

**Q4: Can we expect any updates or additional information from the department regarding the proposed changes in the regions for MCAH/1st Five/WIC services other than what has already been shared?**

A4: The department will continue to utilize the CSA website (<https://www.idph.iowa.gov/family-health/CSA>) to update stakeholders with the most up-to-date information publicly available. Stakeholders may regularly check the website for updates to this FAQ document or other posted information.

**Q5: Will we be allowed to subcontract? I truly believe communities are best served by people who know them, and having that information will help each department determine the best way to staff appropriately.**

A5: Subcontracting will be allowed. Each RFP will outline specific parameters around subcontracting, once released.