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To all interested parties:

The Iowa Department of Human Services (the Agency) is providing this notice of intent to release a request for proposal (RFP) on or around December 22, 2021, to procure the most qualified Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to deliver high-quality health care services to the citizens of Iowa.

The Agency intends to procure up to four (4) contracts with MCOs with a 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 IA Health Link 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 IA Health Link, RFP MED-23-005, that the Agency anticipates releasing on or around December 22, 2021, will be posted to the state's procurement website at <http://bidopportunities.iowa.gov/?pgname=viewall>. The following is a tentative timeline for the RFP; these dates are estimates and are subject to change:

Spring 2022: Question and answer period after release of the RFP.

Summer 2022: Deadline for bid proposals.

Fall 2022: DHS to award contract(s).

Fall 2022: MCO onboarding to begin.

Spring 2023: MCO readiness review.

Summer 2023: MCO operations begin.

Thank you for your interest in this procurement.

Sincerely,

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