



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016

**Subject:** IME is Collecting Health IT Opportunities

**In Regards to:** SMD 16-003 Availability of HITECH Administrative Matching Funds to Help Professionals and Hospitals Eligible for Medicaid EHR Incentive Payments Connect to Other Medicaid Providers

To read the full SMD 16-003 letter see here: <http://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/SMD16003.pdf>

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**Submission Information:** If you are interested in submitting an idea, provide the following information in a document and send to Carrie Ortega, HIT Coordinator by email [cortega@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:cortega@dhs.state.ia.us) with the subject line "HIT Funding Opportunity"

#### Statement of Needs and Objectives

- Provide a summary of project goals, objectives, and needs, and the anticipated benefits of the proposed project
  - How does the project tie into Meaningful Use?
  - How does it benefit Medicaid Meaningful Use EHR incentive providers?
  - Potential costs

Contact Carrie Ortega, HIT Coordinator if you have any questions or concerns.

The submissions will be reviewed and will be points for further discussion as Iowa updates the State Medicaid Health IT Plan (SMHP) sections titled "To-Be HIT Landscape" and "HIT Roadmap." The current CMS approved SMHP is posted on the DHS HIT website.

There is no submission due date, as the SMHP is updated on an annual basis. However, it will take time to communicate and plan for any ideas submitted; and there is urgency, as the funding opportunities for Health IT, as stated in the SMD 16-003 letter, expires in 2021.