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## New Dates Added: DHS Announces Public Meetings Department seeks input on Medicaid Modernization

DES MOINES, Iowa- The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Governor Branstad's Medicaid Modernization on February 16, 2015. This initiative aims to improve the coordination and quality of care while providing predictability and sustainability for taxpayers in Medicaid spending.

The RFP, titled the Iowa High Quality Health Care Initiative, asks for bids from potential vendors as the state moves toward a risk-based managed care approach.

The main objectives of Iowa's Medicaid Modernization are:

- Improving quality and access
- Promoting accountability for outcomes
- Creating a more predictable and sustainable Medicaid budget

### Three New Dates Added

A series of statewide public meetings are being held to discuss the initiative. Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to attend the meetings. Three additional meetings have been added, located in Iowa City, Mason City and Sioux City. The meetings will be held:

Location	Date and Time	Meeting Details	Phone Access Information
<b>Cedar Rapids</b>	Tuesday, March 3, 2015 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Kirkwood Community College Ballrooms B & C 7725 Kirkwood Blvd. S.W. Cedar Rapids, IA 52404	1-866-685-1580 Participant Code: 542.870.0217
<b>Des Moines</b>	Friday, March 6, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Polk County River Place Room 1-1A 2309 Euclid Des Moines, IA 50310	1-866-685-1580 Participant Code: 542.870.0217
<b>Davenport</b>	Monday, March 9, 2015 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Davenport Public Library Fairmount St. Branch 3000 N. Fairmount St. Davenport, IA 52804	<i>No conference call available</i>
<b>NEW: Iowa City</b>	Friday, March 13, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Johnson County Health and Human Services Room 203 855 S. Dubuque St. Iowa City, IA 52240	<i>No conference call available</i>

<b>Council Bluffs</b>	Monday, March 16, 2015 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Iowa Western Community College, Auditorium 2700 College Rd. Council Bluffs, IA 51503	1-866-685-1580 Participant Code: 542.870.0217
<b>NEW: Mason City</b>	Wednesday, March 18, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	First Citizens National Bank, Heritage Room 2601 4 <sup>th</sup> St. S.W. Mason City, IA 50401	1-866-685-1580 Participant Code: 542.870.0217
<b>NEW: Sioux City</b>	Thursday, March 26, 2015 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center Salon C 300 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. Sioux City, IA 51101	1-866-685-1580 Participant Code: 542.870.0217

- Stakeholders and the public should submit questions and comments to: [MedicaidModernization@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:MedicaidModernization@dhs.state.ia.us).
- Bidders should submit questions to: [Bidders4MED16009@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:Bidders4MED16009@dhs.state.ia.us).
- Access the RFP and learn more about the initiative by visiting the dedicated web page at: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/MedicaidModernization>.