



IOWA POISON CONTROL CENTER

Background. In 2014 Iowa Acts chapter [1140](#) (FY 2015 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act), the General Assembly directed the Department of Human Services to implement a new health services initiative (HSI) under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to provide funding for the Iowa Poison Control Center (IPCC). This provision was effective on the enactment date of May 30, 2014. The Act also provided a General Fund appropriation to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) to be passed through to the IPCC. The intent of this new initiative was to obtain federal CHIP matching funds to provide additional funding to the IPCC.

Federal Approval. The DHS submitted a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposing the new health services initiative on September 29, 2014. The CMS approval was received on January 13, 2015, with retroactive applicability to July 1, 2014.

Budget Impact. Administrative costs of the CHIP are capped at 10.0% and include costs incurred related to poison control centers. Prioritization goes to administering the CHIP over the new HSI. According to the IDPH, the FY 2015 estimated budget for the IPCC is \$1.6 million. The service recipients of the IPCC include approximately 62.0% children under the age of 19, therefore \$992,000 is eligible for federal matching funds. With the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate in FY 2015 at 68.88%, this results in \$683,000 in federal funds. In FY 2016, the FMAP rate is 91.55%, equal to \$908,000 in federal funds.

More Information. More information regarding the IPCC allocation is available in the budget unit *Fiscal Topic* titled: [Department of Public Health – Public Protection Iowa Statewide Poison Control Center](#)

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