



## The Value of the IPCC to Iowa's Health Care System



**The Iowa Poison Control Center (IPCC) is a cost-effective public health program which saves lives and millions of Iowa taxpayer dollars every year. The IPCC represents a unique public-private partnership providing our state with an efficient, cost-effective and life-saving public health resource with a remarkable 16:1 return on investment.**

### **The IPCC is providing a vital service for all Iowans.**

- Physicians, hospitals, public health departments and the public depend on the IPCC to provide expert medical advice 24 hours a day.
- Each year, over 50,000 calls are answered by nurses and physicians specially trained in toxicology.
- 75% of calls to the IPCC come from the public and 25% from health care providers.
- 50% of the poisoning cases involve children younger than six years of age.
- Over half of the calls relate to prescription medications, reflecting the nationwide epidemic of abuse, emergency room visits and deaths from such products.
- As the only medical toxicology resource in Iowa, the IPCC educates health care providers in the management of poisonings and drug overdoses.
- Poison center data is used to identify emerging public health threats. In the past few years, poison centers were the first to raise the alarm about synthetic drugs; identified health issues associated with energy drinks and packets of concentrated laundry detergent; and tracked the incidence of specific food-borne illnesses.

### **The IPCC saves millions of dollars in unnecessary health care spending.**

- 90% of calls from the general public are treated at home - over \$12 million in medical costs for trips to the hospital or doctor are avoided each year.
- Every dollar invested in the IPCC saves at least \$16 in health care costs.
- 46% of callers are covered by Medicaid which saves the Iowa's Medicaid program \$5.7 million annually.
- Patients managed with poison center expertise, experience shorter hospitalizations on average, helping health care providers serve more patients, improving health outcomes and decreasing health care costs.
- The IPCC provides this service to our citizens efficiently and effectively. The cost per poisoning call to the IPCC is far below the national average.

### **The IPCC is funded through a public-private partnership.**

- Iowa hospitals are contributing \$400,000 to IPCC's annual operating budget.
- **State funding of \$1.2 million is needed to continue operating the IPCC.**

# Iowa Poison Control Center

Lyon 69	Osceola 29	Dickinson 135	Emmet 101	Winnemac 76	Worth 29	Mitchell 56	Howard 73	Winneshiek 137	Allamakee 74
Sioux 240	O'Brien 150	Clay 179	Palo Alto 96	Hancock 73	Cerro Gordo 1,217	Floyd 213	Chickasaw 90	Winneshiek 137	Clayton 119
Plymouth 203	Cherokee 110	Buena Vista 179	Pocahontas 61	Wright 124	Franklin 91	Butler 105	Bremer 225	Fayette 244	
Woodbury 1,847	Ida 72	Sac 89	Cathlamet 96	Webster 1,049	Hamilton 196	Hardin 239	Black Hawk 2,220	Buchanan 179	Delaware 163
Monona 110	Crawford 157	Carroll 216	Greene 180	Boone 369	Story 905	Marshall 603	Tama 159	Benton 257	Linn 3,535
Harrison 123	Shelby 152	Audubon 34	Guthrie 220	Dallas 421	Polk 9,273	Jasper 925	Poweshiek 254	Iowa 141	Johnson 1,262
Pottawattamie 1,129	Cass 209	Adair 82	Madison 156	Warren 552	Marion 601	Mahaska 279	Keokuk 115	Washington 329	Louisa 79
Mills 158	Montgomery 162	Adams 27	Union 310	Clarke 173	Lucas 127	Monroe 107	Wapello 852	Jefferson 210	Henry 387
Fremont 71	Page 175	Taylor 57	Ringgold 68	Decatur 93	Wayne 92	Appanoose 406	Davis 111	Van Buren 78	Lee 578
									Des Moines 1,178
									Muscatine 490
									Cedar 117
									Clinton 820
									Scott 2,390
									Jackson 384
									Dubuque 1,137

FY13 Calls by County

