

Question:

What would it cost to cover one third of 2,600 non-citizen children under Medicaid and *hawk-i*?¹

Response:

\$2,940.97	Medicaid costs per eligible child for SFY 2010
\$2,540.91	<i>hawk-i</i> costs per eligible child for SFY 2010 ²
\$2,740.94?	Average costs per eligible child for SFY 2010 ³
2,600	Estimated uninsured non-citizen children
÷	3
=	867
	Estimated number of uninsured non-citizen children participating in Medicaid and <i>hawk-I</i>
x	\$ 2,740.94
=	\$2,376,394.98
	Average costs per eligible child
	Total state costs ⁴

¹ The attachment to the RFI states that 2,600 is the number of uninsured non-citizen children residing in Iowa, not the number of uninsured undocumented alien children. So, the number of uninsured undocumented alien children would be less than 2,600. The estimate of 2,600 appears to include any child who is not a U.S. citizen. However, per the instructions, the estimated costs above use the 2,600 estimate.

² This amount has been offset by anticipated cost-sharing premiums that would be collected.

³ It is not known how many of these children would be eligible for Medicaid and how many would be eligible for *hawk-i* so an average of the costs per eligible child for both programs was used.

⁴ No breakdown of state and federal costs was calculated since the intent of the request is to estimate the costs of covering undocumented children, for whom there is no FFP available in either program. However, averaging the FFP rate for both Medicaid and *hawk-i* for SFY 2010 results in a split of 68.88% Federal and 31.12% State.