



INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2603-MC-FFS-D

DATE: June 10, 2024

TO: Health Providers, Mental Health Providers, Substance Use Providers, Behavioral Health Providers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS), Dental (D)

FROM: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Iowa Medicaid

RE: Invitation To Public Comment Sessions for New Behavioral Health Districts

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) invites you to attend public comment sessions focused on the establishment of the new [Behavioral Health](#)¹ districts in Iowa. The goal is to collaboratively shape districts that will enhance access to behavioral health services and improve outcomes for all Iowans. These sessions are an opportunity to share insights, suggestions and concerns as the Agency works to meet the diverse needs of our communities.

Please attend the time that works best for you.

Virtual and In-Person Public Comment Sessions Schedule:

- Date: June 13, 2024
Time: 5:30 to 6:30 PM CST
Location: [Virtual](#)²
- Date: July 1, 2024
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 PM CST
Location: [Location: Polk County River Place, 2309 Euclid Ave., Des Moines](#)³

¹ https://hhs.iowa.gov/initiatives/system-alignment/ibhss?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

² <https://hhs.iowa.gov/events/iowa-hhs-virtual-public-comment-session-behavioral-health-regions>

³ <https://hhs.iowa.gov/events/iowa-hhs-public-comment-session-behavioral-health-regions-1>

- Date: July 8, 2024
Time: 12:00 to 1:00 PM CST
Location: [Virtual](#)⁴

- Date: July 18, 2024
Time: 12:00 to 2:00 PM CST
Location: [TBD, Sioux County](#)⁵

Iowa HHS looks forward to active participation in a collaborative effort to build a more responsive and effective behavioral health system in Iowa. Reach out to Emily Eppens at eeppens@dhs.state.ia.us with any questions or for further information about these public comment sessions.

⁴ <https://hhs.iowa.gov/events/iowa-hhs-virtual-public-comment-session-behavioral-health-regions-0>

⁵ <https://hhs.iowa.gov/events/iowa-hhs-public-comment-session-behavioral-health-regions-2>