

Medicare/Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI) – Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Questions and Answers – Part II:

1. Q: Our site is interested in applying and wanted to see if there are other sites applying in our PSA. We are not sure if we should include all eligible sites for funding. Or do you suggest we list all of them?

A: The Department will not have information regarding interested sites until the applications are received. While we cannot advise how to complete your proposal, there will not be any negative impact on scoring of your proposal if all sites are included. Please see the below sections from the NOFO:

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1. **Eligible Applicants.** Awards shall be by geographic regions consistent with the 13 Planning and Service Areas (PSA) set forth by the Illinois Department on Aging. See Illinois Area Agencies on Aging Map at this link: https://www.illinois.gov/aging/PartnersProviders/Pages/aaa_map.aspx. Only entities in PSA 2, 12 and 13 may apply for this award.

An eligible applicant must be a certified SHIP site for the State of Illinois and the site must be registered as an active site on NPR for the purpose of counseling and/or monitoring work performed. *Applicants must be structured to award sub-grants to all SHIP sites in good standing with SHIP.* For purposes of this grant, Good Standing means there is a SHIP Coordinator and/or SHIP Counselor(s) who is actively performing SHIP counseling and/or outreach and actively reports client contact and public and media activities in NPR and demonstrate 25 client contacts (or more) within the reporting period of January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

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The Department anticipates 4-6 awards for this NOFO to be administered to active and certified SHIP sites in PSA 2, 12 and 13 only. No one entity shall be awarded more than two service area grants. The Department reserves the right to award grants for more than one entity in a given PSA or not issue awards. For example, if one entity demonstrates the ability to meet the needs of a specific population including but not limited to those with limited English proficiency, intellectual and developmental disabilities, severe and persistent mental illness, and those with behavioral or cognitive disability, the Department shall award to a second grantee for that PSA.

2. Q: We are choosing our sub-grant partners based on factors other than geography. Just verifying that it's not a requirement that sub-grant partners be selected based on geography.

A: While award will be based on geography, we are allowing for potentially multiple awards per PSA. The PSA must be identified within the proposal. Please include your process for selection of sites and we will evaluate accordingly. For example, if your selection has to do with counseling to reach different populations, please include that information. See also the section from page 5/6 of the NOFO referenced above.