

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

Questions and Answers:

1. **Q:** Would you be able to provide me with the minimum and maximum award amounts? I did not see them in the Uniform Notice for Funding Opportunity Summary Information.

A: There are not minimum and maximum amounts for award with this award. The Department is asking offerors complete applications requesting the amounts applicants are able to document as appropriate and will be able to be put to use. The Department shall have the final determination in award amounts upon review of all offers and dollars requested.

Budgets must include sub-grants to eligible recipients. Sub-grants must be a minimum of \$2,500.00 each (see page 5 of the NOFO). Increased amounts for sub-granting may be requested and allowed upon approval by the SHIP Director. Amount requested must be sufficient to support the required sub-granting (number of sub-grantees X dollar amount per sub-grant).

The following are the numbers of enrollees in MMAI plans by county as of November 2017.

Cook	35,789
DuPage	3,308
Kane	2,182
Kankakee	987
Lake	2,784
Will	2,294

2. **Q:** 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. How do we know if we have a SHIP Coordinator?

A. To confirm you have a coordinator on staff, please e-mail Kathleen Michals at Kathleen.Michals@illinois.gov.

3. **Q.** 25 client contacts (or more) within the reporting period of January 1, 2017, through September 30, 2017. This seems so low a threshold. Does this make sense for us?

A. Twenty-five (25) is the minimum number of client contacts for a site to be eligible to apply for the grant and to be a sub-grantee. This is based on historical reporting and not a benchmark for the upcoming grant. We are requiring sub-granting to eligible SHIP sites in the amount of \$2,500 (may be increased with Department approval – see page 5 of the NOFO). A list of eligible sites is available upon request from the Department by e-mailing Kathleen.Michals@illinois.gov.