



**Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services
Healthcare Transformation Collaboratives (HTC)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

PART III

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1. Does the Department expect community input to occur before an application is submitted for consideration?

Yes. This is a community first initiative, and all projects should be informed by the community and incorporate that input into the development of the project and include the data to support the proposed solutions and outcome projections.

2. HFS plans to post all applications that are submitted for funding consideration for public comment for a period of two (2) weeks. Will proprietary information, including things like project budgets, personal information about officers of the organizations that are apart of collaborations be posted?

No, HFS will redact all proprietary and personal information from applications prior to posting for public comment. In addition, it would be helpful if applicants highlight or note for HFS those items that they don't wish to have published in some way in the proposals.

3. We are seeking clarify on the capital funding allocation. Specifically, slide 18 of the webinar deck seems to indicate the \$40 million in capital is only allocated to safety net hospital partnerships. Is this correct? Or will there be capital funding available for other hospital partnerships in distressed areas that do not include a safety-net hospital?

Yes, that is correct. \$40 million dollars in capital funding is allocated to safety net hospital partnerships, however there will be an additional pool of capital funding available for partnerships in distressed areas that may not necessarily include safety net hospitals.

4. Can a collaboration apply in multiple rounds in order to scale up or increase reach over time? For example, could an application apply to address food insecurity, and the same collaboration submit another application at the next round to address housing?

Yes, however the number of projects/collaborations approved with depend on funding availability, coverage areas, redundancy, and the measures addressed in the Department's Quality Strategy.

5. Can HFS provide more detail on the desired role of MCOs in these partnerships?

The Managed Care Organizations can play a significant role in collaborations in support of the Department's goals to address the measures outlined in its Quality Strategy. They can be a conduit to supporting innovative solutions that meet the needs of their members and the communities in which they live.

- 6. In the webinar, you illustrated a \$15M bucket under Critical Access Hospitals who are partnering with other hospitals and multiple partners. Is that amount for proposals coming in on 4/9 the same bucket for proposals that will be coming in September?**

The funding amounts outlined in the Healthcare Transformation Collaboratives Plan represent annual targets for the entities identified within those buckets. The funding targets for the FY21 round (April 9, 2021) and FY22 round (September 2021) remain the same. The Department suggests that proposers take the time necessary to develop a well thought out plan and address all elements of the HTC criteria—including community input, which is an essential element of this program—prior to submitting their applications.

- 7. Given the geographic size that we are taking a look at, is there any general guidance HFS can provide with respect to a budget that would reach a reasonable approach based on the agency's perspective from the Critical Access Hospital participation on a statewide basis, especially for dual date submissions?**

The Department will consider all projects no matter what size or scope. It will consider funding availability, coverage areas, redundancy, and the measures address in the Department's Quality Strategy.

- 8. Given the scope of our initial proposal covering a 16-county area along with management and accountability considerations to ensure successful intended outcomes, would it be reasonable for us to approach this first stage for an 18–24-month period along with incorporating an intended vision in our proposal to expand the reach of our initiative into other areas of the state for the remaining 3 years for the 5-year cycle?**

HFS will review the reasonableness of projects being proposed, including milestones and timelines for completion, along with projected outcomes.

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