

March 5, 2019

Kris Bell
Caucus Staff
State Capitol Building
Sent via email
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Dear Ms. Bell:

Please find enclosed enrollment information that you requested.

Question: How many of those within the expansion population are also receiving Food Assistance?

Response: At the time of this analysis, the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHAWP) enrollment was 172,827 members. Of those IHAWP members, 61,075 also received Food Assistance benefits.

In addition, data has been previously collected on some of the exemptions that may apply to community engagement/work activity requirements as outlined in guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Below are the estimates for the exemption categories:

Exemption Category	Approximate Number of Members
Reporting earnings	76,000
Pregnant	200
Reported disability income	4,800
Medically exempt	21,500
Caring for a child under age 6	7,400
Total individuals in all categories above	109,900
Approximate IHAWP enrollment	170,000

Based on CMS guidance, additional categories not listed above may also exclude an individual from community engagement/work activity requirements. This may include full time students, individuals receiving unemployment insurance benefits, individuals with health-related barriers to employment, participation in other public assistance work requirement programs, etc., which would further reduce the IHAWP members subject to the community engagement/work activity requirement. Statistical data is not available for these IHAWP members.

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Note: Data is gathered at a specific point-in-time and should be considered a 'snapshot' of program activity. Enrollment numbers may vary slightly from previous numbers provided.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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