

## Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2024)

<b>Department Name:</b>	Health and Human Services (HHS)	<b>Date:</b>	3/20/2024	<b>Total Rule Count:</b>	16
<b>IAC #:</b>	641	<b>Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):</b>	51	<b>Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:</b>	135.17
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**What is the intended benefit of the rule?**

This chapter outlines the requirements and processes for ensuring children entering Kindergarten and ninth grade submit proof of a dental screening to their school and the subsequent audit of screening certificates. The intended benefit is to improve the oral health of Iowa’s children through prevention, education, care coordination and referral for treatment.

**Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.**

During school year 2022-2023, 20% of children entering kindergarten and 14% of children entering ninth grade that were screened were found to require dental care (including those needing urgent care). Ninety-seven percent of elementary schools were in compliance and 93% of middle/high schools were in compliance with the requirement. Dental hygienists completed 32% of all screenings to help children meet the requirement; many of those as part of the I-Smile public health program, which also provides follow-up care coordination for families to help them access care.

In school year 2021-2022, 16% of children entering kindergarten and 13% of children entering ninth grade that were screened were found to require dental care (including those needing urgent care). Ninety-six % of elementary schools were in compliance and 97% of middle/high schools were in compliance with the requirement.

**What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?**

Cost of screening, unless it is provided through the school or the I-Smile public health program

**What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?**

HHS incurs personnel costs for team members to execute the program.

**Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.**

The costs to execute the program are part of implementation of the I-Smile program, the oral health component of the statewide Title V child health program in Iowa. I-Smile links Iowa families to dental, medical, and community resources and includes gap-filling preventive services, as needed. Local I-Smile

Coordinators, required personnel per the HHS contracts with 15 local public health organizations for the child health program, partner with school administrators and nurses to help with gap-filling screenings and referrals and assist local boards of health to ensure compliance. This network helps children that may otherwise not receive dental care receive assistance to access care.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit?  YES  NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

HHS supports dental screenings in accordance with Iowa Code. This rule chapter clarifies specific procedures, but only within the scope and as defined in Iowa Code. HHS feels this is necessary to protect the health and in turn, readiness to learn, of children in Iowa.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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**RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):**

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**RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):**

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***\*For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

**METRICS**

<b>Total number of rules repealed:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation</b>	<b>765</b>
<b>Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation</b>	<b>18</b>

**ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?**