

Medicaid Legislative Update

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How a Bill Becomes a Law in Iowa

Step 1: The Bill is Introduced

A new idea for a law is proposed by a legislator. This is called a "bill."

Step 2: The Bill is Discussed in Committee

A group of lawmakers, called a committee, talk about the bill. They decide if it should move forward.

Step 3: The Bill is Debated by the Full Legislature

All lawmakers in the House and Senate talk about the bill and vote on it.

Step 4: The Governor Signs the Bill

If the bill is approved, it goes to the Governor. If the Governor signs it, it becomes a law!

The Legislative Process in Iowa (continued)

Step 5: The Bill is Reviewed Again

If changes are made to the bill, it has to be reviewed again by the House and Senate.

Step 6: The Governor's Decision

The Governor can either sign the bill into law or veto it. If vetoed, the lawmakers can vote again to override the veto.

Step 7: The Bill Becomes Law

Once signed by the Governor (or after a veto is overridden), the bill becomes a law that everyone must follow!

Navigating the Iowa Legislative Services Agency Website



How to Use the Iowa Legislative Services Agency Website

1. **Visit** <https://www.legis.iowa.gov>
2. **Look for Bills and Laws:**
On the homepage, click on “Bills & Laws” to find information on the bills being discussed.
3. **Search for Bills:**
Use the search bar to find bills by name, number, or subject.
4. **Track a Bill’s Progress:**
You can see what stage the bill is at, from introduction to becoming law.

Other Interesting Information

Fun and Useful Information for You!



Contact Your Legislators:

You can always contact your state representative or senator to share your thoughts or ask questions.



Iowa's Medicaid Program:

Learn about how Medicaid helps Iowans get the healthcare they need.



Stay Informed:

Sign up for newsletters from the Iowa Legislature to get updates on bills and laws.



Get Involved:

Attend public hearings and meetings to make your voice heard.

Governor's HHS Priorities

**Statewide
solutions fund
for childcare**

**Early
Childhood
Continuum of
Care**

**Expansion of
residency slots**
460 new physicians
being trained in Iowa

Medicaid rates
(focus on
rural access)

**Medicaid work
requirements**

**Maternal health
investment**

**Partnership
between HHS and
U of Iowa**
Cancer Research