

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2025)

Department Name:	Health and Human Services	Date:	August 1, 2025	Total Rule Count:	75
IAC #:	441	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	75	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	249A.3, 249A.4
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

To provide eligibility parameters and procedures for the medical assistance programs available under Iowa Code Chapter 249A.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. The most recently available data shows that almost 700,000 individuals are enrolled in medical assistance programs. Each year, the Department receives an average of nearly 225,000 applications for medical assistance, which include both individual and household submissions. Recent program activity reflects that annually there are approximately 139,000 individuals approved for medical assistance at the time of application. Over the same period, the Department generally completes more than 1 million eligibility approval actions, including both initial approvals and re-determinations that result in continued or transitioned coverage. Additionally, nearly 122,000 eligibility determinations annually result in ineligibility, encompassing both application denials and terminations of existing coverage.

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

There is no cost to apply for medical assistance.

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

The Department incurs personnel and other administrative costs to administer this rule chapter.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

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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.

Rulemaking is required by state and federal law and regulations.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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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The Department found there were many provisions that were similar to, but not duplicative of, federal regulations. The Department preserved most of the language of this chapter due to the important information it imparts to the public. The Department incorporated changes that were intended to be implemented but not taken up during a five-year rule review performed in 2022. Those changes include incorporating a Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodology based on federal tax rules, implementing portions of the Affordable Care Act, and implementing the concept of reasonable compatibility for verifying resources and income.

In addition, the Department removed restrictive terms, made minor wording changes, removed outdated language, and removed duplicative language, where possible. The Department also took this opportunity to restructure the chapter, dividing coverage groups into separate divisions based on categories of coverage.

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

All rules are being repealed and repromulgated.

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

All rules are being repealed and repromulgated.

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

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	0
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	11,060
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	674

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

Not at this time.