

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

<b>Department Name:</b>	Health and Human Services	<b>Date:</b>	September 1, 2025	<b>Total Rule Count:</b>	17
<b>IAC #:</b>	441	<b>Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):</b>	76	<b>Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:</b>	249A
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**What is the intended benefit of the rule?**

The proposed chapter specifies the process for enrolling and reenrolling in the Iowa Medical Assistance or "Medicaid" program and addresses related matters.

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

Yes. As of the most recently available data, 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?**

No costs are incurred by the public to comply with this rule chapter.

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

The agency incurs personnel and other administrative costs to comply with 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 appropriate and required by state and federal law.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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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As part of the Red Tape Rule Review, the department eliminated restrictive terms, eliminated duplicative language, and made minor rewording changes. The Department also made changes required by the Affordable Care Act.

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

As part of the Red Tape Rule Review, all 17 rules are being repealed and repromulgated.

**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

Total number of rules repealed:	0
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	1,245
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	55

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

No.