

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

Department Name:	Human Services Department	Date:	September 1, 2025	Total Rule Count:	20
IAC #:	441	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	156	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	232.143, 234.35, and 234.38
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

This chapter establishes policies and procedures for the computation and collection of parental liability by the Department, as laid out in Iowa Code section 234.39.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes, the state recovers about \$150,000 per year from parent liability in regards to the costs associated with providing for children in foster care.

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

These proposed rule changes increase financial support provided to kinship caregivers to align with the rates received by foster parents. This is an increase from \$310 per month currently to approximately \$555 per month.

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

The majority of implementation costs stem from the administrative work required for the computation, review, and collection of parental liability costs.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes, recovery of parental liability is required by Iowa Code, and the department recovers about \$150,000 each year.

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.

Recovery of parental liability costs associated with foster care is required by Iowa Code.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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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This chapter underwent a fulsome review as a part of the Red Tape Review process laid out in 2023 Executive Order 10. As a result of this review, restrictive terms were removed, areas that were duplicative were combined or eliminated, and editorial updates were made to processes and procedures to ensure they reflect current policies and procedures.

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

156.1- 156.20

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

156.1- 156.14

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

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	6
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	1,332
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	140

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

Not applicable.