

Red Tape Review Rule Report

(Due: September 1, 2025)

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| Department Name: | Health and Human Services | Date: | 5/1/2025 | Total Rule Count: | 15 |
| IAC #: | 641 | Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s): | 88 | Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule: | 135.24 |
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The volunteer health care provider program (VHCPP) increases the number of health care professionals and locations that provide free health care services due to the program offering to defend and indemnify eligible individual volunteer health care providers and protected clinics providing free health care services.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes, in 2024 the program had 103 new health care professionals submit applications to enter the program. An application is good for up to 5 years.

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

Minimal costs. Administration takes 0.5 FTE of a program planner 2 position. The administrative time has been reduced with program administration efficiencies implemented in 2021 going to an electronic application process and moving from 2 years application to a five year application time line until renewal is required. No claims for defense or indemnification have been requested in at least 5 years. Some cost would be incurred for defense and indemnification if a claim was made under the program.

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

Some cost would be incurred for defense and indemnification if a claim was made against a health care provider or site, under the program. Past history has shown minimal cost. Note: The program limits the types of activities that will be covered. This limitation allows for control of risk exposure levels.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. Underserved populations in Iowa receive needed health care services that contribute to the improvement of the overall health of the general population in the state. Improved health leads to a stronger workforce and stronger communities.

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.

The administrative rules were updated in 2021 to make the program easier for both sites and health care

professionals to participate. The administrative burden was reduced to the applicants and the time between having to reapply was extended from two to five years. The program provides a benefit to the applicant and the general population of medically underserved lowans, so the only area of improvement was to reduce the administrative burden. The administrative rules still need to define what medical procedures will be covered and which medical sites and professionals will be allowed into the program.

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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88.1 Rescinded as being redundant.

88.2 Renumbered and amended referred duplicative definitions back to the appropriate Iowa Code section.

88.3 Renumbered and amended renumbered rule notice references.

88.4 5 Renumbered.

88.6 Renumbered and amended renumbered rule notice references.

88.7-9 Renumbered.

88.10-12 Renumbered and amended renumbered rule notice references.

88.13-15 Renumbered.

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

88.1

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

88.2-88.15

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

METRICS

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| Total number of rules repealed: | 1 |
| Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation | 891 |
| Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation | 69 |

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

No.

