

## Red Tape Review Rule Report

### (Due: September 1, 2025 )

<b>Department Name:</b>	Health and Human Services	<b>Date:</b>	7/14/2025	<b>Total Rule Count:</b>	18
<b>IAC #:</b>	641	<b>Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):</b>	95	<b>Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:</b>	144
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**What is the intended benefit of the rule?**

The department shall install, maintain, and operate the system of vital statistics throughout the state. No system for the registration of births, deaths, fetal deaths, adoptions, marriages, dissolutions, and annulments, shall be maintained in the state or any of its political subdivisions other than the one provided for in this chapter.

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

Yes, Vital Statistics registers approximately 100,000 events and issues about 85,000 certified copies annually. The Department annually publishes Vital Statistics in Iowa, Vital Statistics in Brief, and the Iowa Health Indicator Tracking System at <https://hhs.iowa.gov/data-reports/health-statistics>.

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

Administrative processing fees at the state level are \$15 as of July 1, 2019. This includes for amendments, delayed registrations, legal change of names, recision of paternity affidavit, paternity registry searches by adoption attorneys, revelation of county of adoption, private paternity establishment judgments, court orders, and any other action requiring an administrative processing fee.

**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 implement the rules.

**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 Iowa Code section 144.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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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95.1 referred duplicative definitions back to the appropriate Iowa Code section.

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

None

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

95.1-95.18.

***\*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	1152
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	96

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

No.