

**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>	97	<b>Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:</b>	135.11(7), 144.12, 144.16 to 144.18, 144.26 to 144.29, 144.30 to 144.35, 144.47, 144.49 to 144.51, 144C.5, 331.802(3) and 633.517 to 633.520.
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**What is the intended benefit of the rule?**

To facilitate the registration of deaths and the subsequent disposition of dead human bodies including forms, certificates, permits, and responsibilities of institutions and individuals involved in the process.

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

The Iowa HHS Vital Records program records around 30,000 deaths in Iowa each year among the approximately 100,000 events and issues about 85,000 certified copies Vital Statistics registers 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?**

Each copy of a certified record costs \$15.00.

**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Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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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The Department removed restrictive terms, redundant language, and updated language to match current procedure throughout the chapter.

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

None.

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

97.1-97.18

**\*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	27
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	292

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

No.