

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

Department Name:	Department of Health and Human Services	Date:	September 1, 2025	Total Rule Count:	4
IAC #:	641	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	126	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	691.6, 331.802, 331.805
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

This chapter provides the primary funding source for the work of the State Medical Examiner.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes, the office of the State Medical Examiner is required by Iowa Code, as are rules to set the fees associated with autopsies.

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

Public costs include autopsy fees, testimony fees, reimbursements for laboratory charges and State Medical Examiner acting as county Medical Examiner when necessary (fee paid by counties), copies of reports paid by insurance companies and attorneys, as well as cremation permit fees paid by funeral directors.

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

Personnel costs, as well as reimbursement costs for counties that request the use of the State Medical Examiner when a County Medical Examiner is not available.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes, the chapter provides rule setting amounts for fees that can be collected by the State Medical Examiner's office.

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.

Rules regarding the State Medical Examiner's office are required per 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Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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]):

126.4

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

126.1- 126.3

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

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	1
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	162
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	7

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

Not applicable.