

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

Department Name:	Department of Health and Human Services	Date:	September 1, 2025	Total Rule Count:	11
IAC #:	641	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	127	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	331, and 691
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The proposed chapter outlines the duties and jurisdiction of the County Medical Examiner and the authority provided to them to perform investigations and autopsies “over deaths which affect the public interest.”

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes, the duties of the County Medical Examiner are required by Iowa Code.

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

Fees are assessed to the county of appointment, or the county of the decedent’s residence when County Medical Examiner is needed.

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

The department incurs personnel and administrative costs to implement these rules. Fees for County Medical Examiners are not paid to the department, but rather the county of appointment.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes, the chapter outlines fees to be collected by County Medical Examiners as is required by Iowa Code.

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.

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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.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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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RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

None

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

127.1- 127.11

****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Total number of rules repealed:	0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	876
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	46

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

Not applicable.