

Red Tape Review Rule Report

(Due: September 1, 2026)

Department Name:	Health and Human Services	Date:	9/1/2026	Total Rule Count:	11
IAC #:	421	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	22	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	216A
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

To explain the parameters of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which is designed to aid qualifying low-income Iowa households (homeowners and renters) in the payment of a portion of their residential heating costs for the winter heating season, to encourage regular utility payments, to promote energy awareness and to encourage reduction of energy usage through energy efficiency, client education, and weatherization

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes.

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

No costs are incurred by the public to comply with the rule chapter.

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

The Department incurs personnel and administrative costs to administer the chapter. The Department contracts with local community action agencies (CAAs) to carry out the program activities. These CAAs also incur personnel and administrative expenses. LIHEAP utilizes the LIHEAP, ECIP, and WAP Intake System (LEWIS), which requires annual licensing, maintenance/operation, and enhancement costs.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes.

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.

Much of the detail in this existing rule chapter is contained in the LIHEAP policy and procedure manual which is contained on the Department's website.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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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Pursuant to 2023 Iowa Acts, Senate File 514, and Executive Order 10, this existing chapter will be rescinded and repromulgated as 441—Chapter 59.

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

The existing chapter will be rescinded.

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

A new, streamlined 441—Chapter 59 will be promulgated to provide information about the program.

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

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	11
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	1,652
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	26

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

No.