

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2026)

Department Name:	Health and Human Services	Date:	9/1/2026	Total Rule Count:	7
IAC #:	421	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	23	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	216A.99, P.L. 94-385, and P.L. 98-558
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

Pursuant to the Energy Conservation and Production Act, P.L. 94-385; the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, P.L. 98-558; and Iowa Code section 216A.99, the department of health and human services (department) will administer the weatherization assistance program.

The purpose of the program is to reduce heating and cooling costs for low-income households, particularly those with elderly members, persons with disabilities, or young children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. According to the US Department of Energy, through weatherization improvements and upgrades, impacted households save on average \$372 or more every year on their utility bills, according to a national evaluation of the program. [Weatherization Assistance Program | Department of Energy](#)

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. The Weatherization Assistance Program also benefits many small business and independent contractors. In PY24 (April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025), over \$27,715,674 was put back into the Iowa economy through the purchase of supplies and materials, wages to independent construction, HVAC/mechanical, and other contractors, and salaries and benefits to subgrantee and State program and support staff.

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

There are no costs incurred by the public to comply with this rule chapter.

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

The Department incurs personnel and other costs to implement the program described by this rule chapter. The Department also contracts with local community action agencies (CAAs) and local governments to carry out program activities. These CAAs and local governments also incur personnel and administrative expenses. The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) utilizes the LIEAP, ECIP, and WAP Intake System (LEWIS), which requires annual licensing, maintenance/operation, and enhancement costs.

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.

No. Rulemaking is appropriate to explain the program parameters and process.

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 will be proposed to be rescinded and then repromulgated under Agency [441].

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

421—Chapter 23, rules 1 through 7.

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

None. The chapter is being rescinded and repromulgated under Agency [441].

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

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	7
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	1,036
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	19

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

No.