

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

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| <b>Department Name:</b> | Health and Human Services | <b>Date:</b>                         | September 1, 2026             | <b>Total Rule Count:</b>                   | 8            |
| <b>IAC #:</b>           | 441                       | <b>Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):</b> | 22                            | <b>Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:</b> | 225D         |
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**What is the intended benefit of the rule?**

The intended benefit of the rule chapter and the underlying Code chapter is to provide financial assistance for applied behavioral analysis (ABA) services to children under the age of 14 with an autism diagnosis and who meet the eligibility requirements.

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

Yes, the costs of this program are justified. This is through the benefits received, improving access to services, reducing long term costs and improving outcomes for children. The Autism Support Program (ASP) fills a critical coverage gap for children with Autism who do not have access to ABA services through Medicaid coverage or through a private insurance benefit.

- Maximum annual benefit amount of \$36,000 per year for an eligible individual.
- The ASP targets families that earn up to 500% of the FPL, which fills the gap for those that earn too much for Medicaid but unable to afford the high price for ABA services.

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

There are no costs to the public to participate in the program beyond those outlined in the graduated cost-sharing schedule.

**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 administer the program.

**Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.**

Yes. In SFY 24, 14 children were served and 16 were served in SFY 25.

**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 law.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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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- Deleted a redundant preamble.
- Definitions – referred several definitions back to the appropriate Iowa Code section.
- Added dates certain throughout.
- 22.2 – replaced restrictive terms with less restrictive language, where appropriate; deleted reference to a Medicaid program that is sunseting.
- 22.3 - replaced restrictive terms with less restrictive language, where appropriate.
- 22.4 - replaced restrictive terms with less restrictive language, where appropriate.
- 22.5 – pending
- 22.6 – updated the name of a certification board, revised a subrule to make it clearer.
- 22.7 – deleted reference to a Medicaid program that is sunseting.

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

None.

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

22.1 through 22.7.

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

#### METRICS

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| Total number of rules repealed:                                                     | 0   |
| Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation                   | 540 |
| Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation | 15  |

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

No.