

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

Department Name:	Human Services Department	Date:	6/8/26	Total Rule Count:	19
IAC #:	441	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	106	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	237C
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

Chapter 106 was created to establish certification standards for facilities that meet the definition of “children’s residential facility” pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 237C. Iowa Code chapter 237C requires the department to establish standards that shall, at a minimum, address the basic health and educational needs of children; protection of children from mistreatment, abuse, and neglect; background and records checks of persons providing care to children in facilities certified under this chapter; the use of seclusion, restraint, or other restrictive interventions; health; safety; emergency; and the physical premises on which care is provided by a children’s residential facility.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. In the past four fiscal years, Iowa has had 2 certified agencies, across 3 different sites able to provide care for 94 children.

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.

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

There are no other implementation or enforcement costs aside from personnel expenses.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

The creation of certification standards for child residential facilities is required by Iowa Code chapter 237A.

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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Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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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N/A

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

N/A

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

106.1 through 106.19

****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	
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	

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

No.