

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

Department Name:	Human Services	Date:	5/15/26	Total Rule Count:	39
IAC #:	441	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	118	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	237A.30
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

This chapter establishes rules for the child care quality rating system, which is designed for child care programs that primarily serve children between birth and the age of 12. Participation in the quality rating system by child care providers is voluntary.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

For SFY26, there were 2,108 licensed child care centers, of which 421 participate in the voluntary rating system. Additionally during that same period there were 3,853 registered child care homes, of which 170 were participants in the voluntary rating system.

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

There are no costs associated with this rulemaking.

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.

Yes, and the establishment of these rules is required by Iowa Code section 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.

No. The establishment of these rules is the less restrictive option and is required by Iowa Code section 237A.30.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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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No.

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):

118.1 through 118.39

****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Total number of rules repealed:	0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	9,562
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	106

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

No.