

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

Department Name:	Human Services Department	Date:	March 10, 2026	Total Rule Count:	5
IAC #:	441	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	159	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	237A
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

Existing Chapter 159 sets forth guidelines for processing and awarding child care resource and referral services grants. Upon review, it was determined that the Department did not have explicit rulemaking authority and that the grant funds could be disbursed through the contracting process without being in the Iowa Administrative Code. Therefore, the Department proposes to rescind Chapter 159.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

The benefit can continue to be achieved, through the contracting process, without needing to be in rules.

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?

Existing costs that are incurred by the department will not change, as the funds will be dispersed via the contracting process going forward.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. By moving the fund disbursement to the contracting process, it will allow for more flexibility and easier access to available funds by the public.

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.

The rescission of Chapter 159 is the less restrictive alternative.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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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159.1- 159.5

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

159.1-159.5

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

N/A

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

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	5
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	777
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	20

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

N/A