

Red Tape Review Rule Report

(Due: September 1, 2026)

Department Name:	Health & Human Service	Date:	9/1/2026	Total Rule Count:	5
IAC #:	441	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	166	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	249A
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

To define and structure grants to be funded from collected civil money penalties from nursing facilities that do not comply with the requirements of the federal Social Security Act, section 1919, as codified in 42 U.S.C. §1396r. The grant funds are available for activities that protect or improve the quality of care and quality of life for residents of a nursing facility.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Since 2012, over 40 quality improvement grants have been awarded totaling approximately \$6.6 million.

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

There are no costs associated with this rule chapter beyond the civil monetary penalties that are authorized by the underlying statute.

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 implement this rule chapter.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. Since 2012, over 40 quality improvement grants have been awarded totaling approximately \$6.6 million.

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Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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 redundant preamble
- 166.1 – updated a date certain
- 166.2 – deleted a restrictive term
- 166.3 and 166.4 – no change
- 166.5 – deleted a restrictive term

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

None.

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

****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Total number of rules repealed:	0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	132
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	2

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

No.