

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

Department Name:	Human Services Department	Date:	5/26/26	Total Rule Count:	18
IAC #:	441	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	202	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	<u>135H.6,</u> <u>234.6,</u> <u>234.7,</u> <u>234.35,</u> <u>235.7, and</u> <u>237.19.</u>
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The chapter sets forth the rules and regulations around the evaluation, placement, and service provisions for children in foster care.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes, in SFY25 there were 1,687 children in foster care.

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

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

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

The agency incurs personnel expenses to implement and enforce these rules.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes, the establishment of these rules is required by Iowa Code sections 135H.6, 234.6, 234.7, 234.35, 235.7, and 237.19.

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.

This chapter was reviewed as a part of the Red Tape Review as set forth by Executive Order 10. As a part of this review, restrictive terms were eliminated, and rules were updated to reflect modern practices, while also reducing regulatory burdens.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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

202.1 through 202.18

****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Total number of rules repealed:	0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	2,623
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	53

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

N/A