

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

Department Name:	Human Services	Date:	5/14/26	Total Rule Count:	20
IAC #:	441	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	175	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	232.67, 232.68, 232.69, 232.70, 232.71B, 232.71C, 232.71D and 232.72 to 232.77 and 235A.
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

This rule chapter is intended to implement requirements established in the Iowa Code which charge the Department with accepting reports of child abuse, assessing those reports and taking necessary steps to ensure a reported child's safety. Protection is provided through encouraging the reporting of suspected cases of abuse, conducting a thorough and prompt assessment of the reports, and providing rehabilitative services to abused children and their families.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

In SFY 2025, the HHS Intake Unit processed a total of 55,442 intakes. Of these, 34,856 were accepted for assessment and 20,586 were rejected.

Among the accepted reports:

- 25,089 were assigned as Child Abuse Assessments
- 9,478 were assigned as Family Assessments
- 289 were assigned as CINA Assessments

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. This rule chapter is required by Iowa Code sections 232.71B(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 rule chapter is required by Iowa Code sections 232.71B(19).

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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

175.21 through 175.43

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

175.1 through 175.20

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

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	23
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	3,110
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	171

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

No.