

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

Department Name:	Human Services	Date:	5/14/26	Total Rule Count:	13
IAC #:	441	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	176	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	235B
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

This chapter outlines the ways that dependent adult abuse reports can be received, the investigative process, and sets forth rules for the care and response to allegation of dependent adult abuse.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Thus far in state fiscal year 2026, there have been 4,834 accepted intakes of dependent abuse allegations, out of a total of 10,781 reports made.

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

There are no costs associated with this proposed rulemaking.

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

The Department incurs personnel and other administrative costs associated with enforcement of this proposed chapter.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

The establishment of dependent adult abuse investigation procedures is required by Iowa Code 235B.

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.

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Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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

176.14

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

176.1 through 176.13

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

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	1
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	2,283
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	79

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

No.