

**217.2 Council on health and human services.**

1. *a.* There is created within the department a council on health and human services which shall act in a policymaking and advisory capacity on matters within the jurisdiction of the department. The council shall consist of nine voting members appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate. Appointments shall be made on the basis of interest in public affairs, good judgment, and knowledge and ability in the field of health and human services. Appointments shall be made to provide a diversity of interest and point of view in the membership and without regard to religious opinions or affiliations. The voting members of the council shall serve for six-year staggered terms.

*b.* Each term of a voting member shall commence and end as provided by [section 69.19](#).

*c.* All voting members of the council shall be electors of the state of Iowa. No more than five members shall belong to the same political party and no more than three members shall, at the time of appointment, reside in the same congressional district. At least one member of the council shall be a member of a county board of supervisors at the time of appointment to the council. At least one member of the council shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in Iowa. Vacancies occurring during a term of office shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term subject to confirmation by the senate.

2. In addition to the voting members described in [subsection 1](#), the membership of the council shall include four legislators as ex officio, nonvoting members. The four legislators shall be appointed one each by the majority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the minority leader of the house of representatives for terms as provided in [section 69.16B](#).

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §217.2; 81 Acts, ch 78, §20, 21]

83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 2009 Acts, ch 115, §1; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §325

Confirmation, see [§2.32](#)

Section amended