681—3.85(8A) **Project appointment.** When it is known that a particular job, project, grant or contract will require the services of an employee for a limited duration, a project appointment may be made. Such an appointment will not be made for more than one year. While an extension beyond one year may be approved by the merit system director on the basis of a limited need that could not otherwise be efficiently and effectively filled, successive project appointments will not be allowed.

Such appointments will not confer to the individual any right of position, transfer, demotion, or promotion, but incumbents shall be eligible for vacation and sick leave, except that a project appointment made for less than 780 hours will be considered a temporary appointment under rule 681—3.82(8A) without conferring rights or eligibility for vacation or sick leave.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 8A.413(9).