

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to child care resource and referral services

The Department of Health and Human Services hereby rescinds Chapter 159, “Child Care Resource and Referral Services,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 237A.26.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 237A.26.

Purpose and Summary

Current Chapter 159 sets forth guidelines for processing and awarding child care resource and referral services grants. Upon review, it was determined that the Department did not have explicit rulemaking authority and that the grant funds could be disbursed through the contracting process without being in the Iowa Administrative Code. Therefore, the Department is rescinding Chapter 159.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 7, 2026, as **ARC 9941C**. Public hearings were held on the following date:

- January 27, 2026

No one attended the public hearings. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the Department on February 19, 2026.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 441—Chapter 6.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on April 22, 2026.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **441—Chapter 159**.

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