

**CHILD ADVOCACY BOARD[489]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to court appointed special advocate program and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Health and Human Services hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 4, “Court Appointed Special Advocate Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 17A.3, 237.15, 237.16 and 237.18.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Executive Order 10 and Iowa Code sections 17A.3, 237.15, 237.16 and 237.18.

*Purpose and Summary*

Chapter 4 establishes procedures and protocols for administering the Court Appointed Special Advocate program required by Iowa Code section 237.18. As a part of the Red Tape Review required by Executive Order 10, this chapter is proposed to be rescinded, and its content will be integrated into 489—Chapter 1.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on March 4, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- March 24, 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.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 5, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

Victoria L. Daniels  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Lucas State Office Building  
321 East 12th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
Phone: 515.829.6021  
Email: [compliance@hhs.iowa.gov](mailto:compliance@hhs.iowa.gov)

*Public Hearing*

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

May 5, 2026 10 to 10:30 a.m.	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 272 564 125 499 36 Passcode: f1693L5F
May 5, 2026 2 to 2:30 p.m.	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 298 531 309 907 97 Passcode: Tf3CP7ud

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

*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).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve ~~489~~—**Chapter 4**.