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Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to the court appointed special advocate program

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

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted 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 As a part of the Red Tape Review required by Executive Order 10, this chapter is being rescinded and its content integrated into 489—Chapter 1.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on April 15, 2026, as **ARC 0198D**. Public hearings were held on the following date:

- May 5, 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 May 20, 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 2504.

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 August 1, 2026.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

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

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