

**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 234.6, the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 202, “Foster Care Placement and Services,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments update eligibility criteria, including increasing the minimum age for placement in supervised apartment living foster care and expansion of required services regarding the service plan for the Supervised Apartment Living (SAL) foster care program.

In addition, these amendments clarify that youth participating in the Education Training Voucher (ETV) program are also part of the population served under Iowa’s Independent Living Program (ILP). ILP rules explain which programs are under the umbrella for Iowa’s program to transition youth from foster care to adulthood. ETV is a federally funded program to financially assist youth formerly in foster care obtain postsecondary training and education.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 0257C** on August 8, 2012. The Department did not receive any comments during the comment period. One change has been made to the amendments published under Notice. The verb “is” has been changed to “provide” in subparagraph 202.9(3)“c”(1). The subparagraph now reads as follows:

“(1) The living arrangement and mode of living are safe and suitable and provide an environment that allows for the child’s social and emotional needs to be met; and”

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations because requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

After analysis and review of this rule making, there will be an impact on private-sector jobs. The primary impact will be the better equipping of a population of youth with skill sets needed in today’s job market. Approximately 200 youth are served in the SAL foster care program annually.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 234.6.

These amendments will become effective January 1, 2013.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [202.9, 202.11(7)“a”] is being omitted. With the exception of the change noted above, these amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 0257C**, IAB 8/8/12.

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