

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to child care homes and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Department of Health and Human Services hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 120, “Child Care Homes,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 237A.12.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 237A.12.

Purpose and Summary

This chapter establishes procedures for child care homes that have a child care assistance provider agreement to receive child care assistance funds. Pursuant to Executive Order 10, this chapter underwent a Red Tape Review. During that analysis, it was determined that the content of Chapter 120 could be combined into a new 441—Chapter 110 (ARC 0540D, IAB 9/2/26) because there are many similarities between registered child development homes and child care homes with a child care provider agreement. As such, Chapter 120 is proposed to be rescinded.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 22, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- August 11, 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.

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 September 23, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

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

September 23, 2026 10 to 10:30 a.m.	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 299 521 373 675 206 Passcode: Dq6qm6ow
September 23, 2026 2 to 2:30 p.m.	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 224 976 926 352 184 Passcode: 7K59Sm3e

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 the public hearings 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 **441—Chapter 120**.