Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 8A.104(5), the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) hereby amends Chapter 41, “Auditing Claims,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Currently, the Executive Council approves departments’ requests for membership in employee organizations. A request was made by the Executive Council for DAS to provide electronic approval for both departmental directors and the Department of Management and publication on the State’s transparency Web site. The process has been established, and DAS is prepared to implement that process. The amendment adopted herein revises the affected DAS administrative rule to eliminate Executive Council approval and to replace it with departmental director approval, Department of Management approval and timely disclosure to the Iowa transparency Internet site.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 9, 2013, as ARC 0553C. No public comment was received. No changes were made to the amendment since publication of the Notice.

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

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 8A.

This amendment will become effective April 10, 2013.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 41.7(8) as follows:

41.7(8) Registration fees. The payment of registration fees which are required for participation in meetings shall be allowed. Registration fees shall be supported by the official receipt of the conference or convention subject to the following limitations:
   a. Expenditures for payment of registration fees for the purpose of obtaining the privileges of membership or other personal benefits from an organization are not reimbursable. Memberships in organizations must be in the name of the state agency and have executive council approval of the director of the department requesting the membership and of the director of the department of management and shall be published to the Iowa transparency Internet site established by Iowa Code section 8G.4.
   b. and c. No change.

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