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COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to the health care professional incentive program and providing an opportunity for public comment

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 17, "Health Care Professional Incentive Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178 and 256.222.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.222.

Purpose and Summary

The Commission proposes to amend the rules governing the Health Care Professional Incentive Program to clarify program requirements and establish a more targeted process for prioritizing awards. The proposed amendments add a definition of "full-time" to provide greater clarity and consistency regarding the employment commitment required of participating health care professionals. The proposed amendments also change the method for prioritizing awards from the date an application is received to the geographic need for the applicable health care provider type.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 30, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 20, 2026

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing. The Commission received one written public comment from Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences.

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 Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 7—Chapter 2504.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 22, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

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College Student Aid Commission

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Public Hearing

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

December 16, 2026 3:30 p.m.	Room B50 Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa
December 22, 2026 3:30 p.m.	Room B50 Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa

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 Commission 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. Adopt the following **new** definition of "Full-time," in rule **283—17.1(256)**:

"Full-time" means an average of 40 hours of qualifying service per week or the standard full-time schedule established by the employer for the eligible health care professional's discipline.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 17.2(3) as follows:

17.2(3) *Priority for awards.* If funding is insufficient to award all eligible applicants, new awards will be made to eligible applicants in order of the following priority categories:

a. Eligible applicants who are in their final year of a program of study or of a clinical or residency program that leads to their full license to practice on a full-time basis as an eligible health care professional in an eligible practice area. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized ~~by the date of application~~ based on geographic need for the applicable health care provider type.

b. Eligible applicants who are fully licensed eligible health care professionals but who agree to continue or begin full-time practice as eligible health care professionals on a full-time basis in eligible practice areas within six months of signing a program agreement. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized ~~by the date of application~~ based on geographic need for the applicable health care provider type.

c. Eligible applicants who are in their final year of a program of study or clinical or residency program that leads to their full license to practice on a part-time basis as an eligible health care professional in an eligible practice area. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized ~~by the date of application~~ based on geographic need for the applicable health care provider type.

d. Eligible applicants who are fully licensed eligible health care professionals but who agree to continue or begin full-time practice as eligible health care professionals on a part-time basis in eligible practice areas within six months of signing a program agreement. If funds are insufficient to award all

eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized ~~by the date of application~~ based on geographic need for the applicable health care provider type.