

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147A.27, the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 135, “Trauma Triage and Transfer Protocols,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 135 establish the out-of-hospital trauma triage destination decision and the intertrauma care facility triage and transfer protocols. These proposed amendments update the references to “Out-of-Hospital Trauma Triage Destination Decision Protocol” (Adult and Pediatric) documents to the 2013 editions and rescind the references to “Inter-Trauma Care Facility Triage and Transfer Protocol” (August 1996).

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before June 18, 2013. Such written comments should be directed to Janet Houtz, Bureau of EMS, Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to Janet.Houtz@idph.iowa.gov.

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

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 147A.24(4)“e.”

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Rescind the definition of “Intertrauma care facility triage and transfer protocol” in rule **641—135.1(147A)**.

ITEM 2. Amend rule **641—135.1(147A)**, definition of “Out-of-hospital triage and transfer destination decision protocol,” as follows:

“~~Out-of-hospital triage and transfer destination decision protocol~~ Out-of-Hospital Trauma Triage Destination Decision Protocol” means written directives to assist in the decision making, established and approved by the department, that address the method of transport and trauma care facility destination to be followed by the service program.

ITEM 3. Amend paragraphs **135.2(1)“a”** to **“c”** as follows:

a. Adoption by reference. The *“Out-of-Hospital Trauma Triage Destination Decision Protocol” (Adult and Pediatric, November 2001 2013)* and the *“Inter-Trauma Care Facility Triage and Transfer Protocol” (August 1996)* “Out-of-Hospital Trauma Triage Destination Decision Protocol” (Pediatric, 2013) are incorporated by reference and adopted as the out-of-hospital trauma triage destination decision ~~and the intertrauma care facility triage and transfer~~ protocols. For any differences which may occur between the adopted references and these administrative rules, the administrative rules shall prevail.

b. The ~~out-of-hospital trauma triage destination decision protocol (Adult and Pediatric)~~ and the intertrauma care facility triage and transfer protocol protocols adopted by reference in paragraph 135.2(1)“a” are available through the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of EMS, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075, or the bureau of EMS Web site (www.idph.state.ia.us/ems).

c. Revisions and modifications to the ~~out-of-hospital trauma triage destination decision protocol and the intertrauma care facility triage and transfer protocol~~ protocols adopted by reference in paragraph 135.2(1)“a” may be made upon recommendation to the department from the system evaluation quality improvement committee (SEQIC) or the trauma system advisory council (TSAC). Revisions and modifications shall be approved by the department.