

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

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 249A.4 and 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 446, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 78, “Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment excludes coverage of and payment for elective, non-medically necessary cesarean section (C-section) deliveries.

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) currently reimburses hospitals and physicians for C-section deliveries, regardless of the medical necessity. This amendment eliminates reimbursement to hospitals and physicians for C-sections that were not medically necessary. This amendment aligns with similar initiatives undertaken by the Iowa HealthCare Collaborative, as well as by various individual hospitals and hospital systems.

This amendment was also Adopted and Filed Emergency and is published herein as **ARC 0846C**. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comment on that submission, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before August 13, 2013. Comments should be directed to Harry Rossander, Bureau of Policy Coordination, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, Fifth Floor, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by e-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

This amendment does not provide for waiver in specified situations because requests for 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, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.