

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4 and 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 446, section 12, the Department of Human Services amends 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 are 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.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 0845C** on July 24, 2013. The amendment was also Adopted and Filed Emergency and published as **ARC 0846C** on the same date and became effective July 1, 2013. The Department received no comments. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice of Intended Action and Adopted and Filed Emergency.

The Council on Human Services adopted this amendment on September 11, 2013.

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.

This amendment will become effective November 6, 2013, at which time the Adopted and Filed Emergency amendment is hereby rescinded.

The following amendment is adopted.

Adopt the following **new** paragraph **78.1(1)“h”**:

h. Elective, non-medically necessary cesarean section (C-section) deliveries.

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