

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 139A.8, the Department of Public Health hereby amends Chapter 7, “Immunization and Immunization Education: Persons Attending Elementary or Secondary Schools, Licensed Child Care Centers or Institutions of Higher Education,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 7 describes the permitted use of the Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS) for immunization and health screenings and addresses the release of IRIS information to the Department and among health care providers. The amendments implement a refugee health screening module in IRIS. The amendments expand the definition of “health screening” to include refugee health screenings and allow refugee health screening information to be shared between the Department and health care providers.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 2306C** on December 9, 2015. No public comments were received. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Department of Public Health adopted these amendments on January 13, 2016.

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

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 139A.

These amendments will become effective March 9, 2016.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule **641—7.1(139A)**, definitions of “Health screening” and “Screening provider,” as follows:

“*Health screening*” means a vision screen, ~~or~~ dental screen, or refugee health screen.

“*Screening provider*” means an ophthalmologist, optometrist, pediatrician, ~~family practice~~ physician, free clinic, child care center, local public health department, public or accredited nonpublic school, community-based organization, advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), physician assistant, dentist or dental hygienist.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following **new** subrule 7.12(5):

**7.12(5)** *Among the department and physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and certified medical assistants conducting refugee health screenings.* Refugee health screenings shall be disclosed only as indicated in this rule. Immunization or health screening information, including the patient’s last name, first name, date of birth, and demographic information; the vaccine(s) administered and the month, day, and year of administration; health screening results; and clinic source and location, shall be disclosed upon written or verbal request among the department, physicians, physician assistants, nurses, certified medical assistants, or screening providers to another health care provider or the department. Written or verbal permission from the parent, guardian or patient is not required to release this information.

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