

AGING, DEPARTMENT ON[17]

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 sections 231.14 and 17A.3, the Department on Aging hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 23, “Aging and Disability Resource Center,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment adds two new subrules to provide for a requirement that individuals providing the service of options counseling shall complete training that was developed in partnership with the Administration for Community Living. This training will standardize the service of options counseling within the state of Iowa and ensure that the service is consistent with the agreed-upon national standard. The training requirement also furthers the mandate that the Aging and Disability Resource Center be administered consistent with the federal Act.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before October 31, 2017. Such written comments or suggestions should be directed to Brian Majeski, Iowa Department on Aging, Jessie M. Parker Building, 510 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to brian.majeski@iowa.gov.

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

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 231.64.

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following **new** subrules 23.7(5) and 23.7(6):

23.7(5) *Position-specific training.* The options counselor shall provide to the ADRC coordination center documentation of successful completion of the person-centered counseling core curriculum provided by Elsevier, or an equivalent that is approved by the department, within 30 days of employment as an options counselor. Documentation shall be included in the individual’s personnel record.

23.7(6) *Continuing education requirements for an options counselor.* An options counselor shall:

a. Obtain during the term of employment eight hours of relevant training annually as required by the department.

b. Document training related to the provision of options counseling if eight hours of training are not obtained in accordance with paragraph 23.7(6)“*a.*” Documentation shall be included in the individual’s personnel record.