

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to health and disability waiver and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Human Services Department hereby proposes to amend Chapter 83, “Medicaid Waiver Services,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 249A.4.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 249A.4 and 42 U.S.C. Section 1396n(d).

Purpose and Summary

These proposed amendments change the eligibility criteria for health and disability waiver participation. This change to the criteria will broaden the population that will be eligible for the waiver. While the change will not increase the number of members served at one time, the change will allow for an expanded population.

These amendments also revise the language regarding increasing the waiver budgets by putting in place specific guidelines for the process and cost limitations. Providers, members, case managers, and managed care organizations will have greater clarity regarding how the waiver service is to be administered because the amendments further define the benefits associated with the waiver.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

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

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to rule 441—1.8(17A,217).

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 13, 2018. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve paragraph **83.2(1)“b.”**

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **83.2(2)“b”** as follows:

b. Except as provided below, the total monthly cost of the health and disability waiver services, excluding the cost of home and vehicle modification services, shall not exceed the established aggregate monthly cost for level of care as follows:

<u>Skilled level of care</u>	<u>Nursing level of care</u>	<u>ICF/ID</u>
\$2,792.65	\$959.50	\$3,742.93

~~For members eligible for SSI who remain eligible for health and disability waiver services until the age of 25 because they are receiving health and disability waiver services upon reaching the age of 21, these amounts shall be increased by the cost of services for which the member would be eligible under 441—subrule 78.9(10) if still under 21 years of age.~~

For members enrolled in the health and disability waiver in accordance with subrule 83.2(1), when a member turns 21 years of age, the average monthly cost of services received through 441—subrule 78.9(10) (state plan private duty nursing or personal care services for persons aged 20 and under) shall be used to increase the monthly waiver budget in accordance with the following:

(1) The member must request the revised waiver budget through the member’s case manager no earlier than two months before, and no later than six months after, the member’s twenty-first birthday. A renewal request must be received annually no earlier than two months before, and no later than six months after, each subsequent birthday.

(2) The member’s waiver budget shall be increased by the average monthly cost of state plan private duty nursing or personal care services for the member that was billed to and paid by Iowa Medicaid or an Iowa Medicaid-contracted managed care organization during the year in which the member is 20 years of age.

(3) Once the request is received by the department, the department shall determine the average monthly cost pursuant to the claims data available at the time of the request. No subsequent claims data shall be considered.

(4) The revised waiver budget reflecting the average cost of state plan private duty nursing or personal care services shall become effective on the later of the first day of the month of the member’s twenty-first birthday or the first day of the month of the completed review.

(5) The revised waiver budget shall extend up to the first of the month following the member’s twenty-fifth birthday and shall remain at the initially authorized amount for the member while aged 21 through 24.