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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to maternal deaths and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Department of Health and Human Services hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 5, "Maternal Deaths," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 217.6.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 135.11.

Purpose and Summary

The purpose of this chapter is to allow for the procurement and timely confidential review of maternal death and birth records, which inform death prevention recommendations and efforts.

The State Mortality Review Committee (2024 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2385) prompted the centralization of death review teams. Chapter 5 is proposed to be rescinded and centralized with 641—Chapters 90, 91 and 92. Procurement and review will continue to occur as part of this centralized chapter and as a subcommittee of the State Mortality Review Committee.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 16, 2024. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- November 7, 2024

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

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

Waivers

There is no waiver provision because this chapter is proposed to be rescinded.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 17, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

Joe Campos
Department of Health and Human Services
321 East 12th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
Email: compliancerules@hhs.iowa.gov

Public Hearing

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

January 14, 2025 9 to 10 a.m.	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 281 130 323 441 Passcode: XDpFQ2
January 17, 2025 9 to 10 a.m.	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 254 845 374 808 Passcode: hPYxD2

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking 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 rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **641—Chapter 5**.