

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]**

**Adopted and Filed**

**Rulemaking related to maternal deaths**

The Department of Health and Human Services hereby rescinds Chapter 5, “Maternal Deaths,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is adopted 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 Chapter 5 is being rescinded and centralized with 641—Chapters 90, 91 and 92.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.

*Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking*

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 25, 2024, as **ARC 8576C**. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- January 14, 2025
- January 17, 2025

No one attended the public hearings. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

*Adoption of Rulemaking*

This rulemaking was adopted by the Department on January 31, 2025.

*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There is no waiver provision because this chapter is being rescinded.

*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).

*Effective Date*

This rulemaking will become effective on April 1, 2025.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

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

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