ARC 9809C

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to notification of religious exemptions to vaccine requirements

The State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 14, "School Health Services," and Chapter 21, "Community Colleges," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.7 and 260C.49.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 299.

Purpose and Summary

This rulemaking implements the requirements of 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 299, regarding notification of religious exemptions to vaccine requirements.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025, as **ARC 9602C**. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 21, 2025

Two individuals attended the hearing as observers. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the State Board on November 19, 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

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the State Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 281—Chapter 4.

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 January 14, 2026.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** subrule 14.2(5):

14.2(5) *Information regarding vaccinations.* In any communication to a parent or guardian regarding immunizations, a school district, accredited nonpublic school, or charter school will comply with Iowa Code section 256.7(15) as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 299.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following **new** paragraph **21.62(9)"f"**:

f. A policy in compliance with Iowa Code section 260C.14(26) as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 299, regarding any communication to students relating to immunization requirements.

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