

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to emergency medical services

The Department of Health and Human Services hereby amends Chapter 132, “Emergency Medical Services—Service Program Authorization,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapter 147A.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 147A and Iowa Code section 169.4 as amended by 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 296.

Purpose and Summary

This rulemaking implements Iowa Code sections 147A.8 and 169.4 as amended by 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 296, which provides that emergency medical care providers may diagnose or treat a severely injured police service dog.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on November 12, 2025, as **ARC 9659C**. Public hearings were held on the following date:

- December 2, 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 December 17, 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 Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 441—Chapter 6.

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 March 1, 2026.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** paragraph **132.3(4)“e”**:

e. Service programs electing to diagnose or treat police service dogs. A service program that elects to have rostered emergency medical care providers diagnose or treat severely injured police service dogs shall develop, maintain, and follow policies and procedures for diagnosing or treating police service dogs. The policies and procedures shall be developed in consultation with a veterinarian holding an active license to practice veterinary medicine in Iowa pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 169.

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