

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

### Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 441—Chapter 131  
“Social Casework”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: Executive Order 10  
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code chapter 234

### *Public Hearing*

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

May 5, 2026  
10 a.m.

Microsoft Teams  
Meeting ID: 272 564 125 499 36  
Passcode: fJ693L5F

### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department of Health and Human Services no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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### *Purpose and Summary*

Chapter 131 underwent a Red Tape Review pursuant to Executive Order 10. As a result, the Department determined the chapter was largely duplicative of 441—Chapter 130, which is being addressed in a separate proposed rulemaking.

### *Analysis of Impact*

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**
  - **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**  
There are no costs associated with this proposed rulemaking.
  - **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**  
No one will benefit from this proposed rulemaking, but neither will anyone be harmed.
2. **Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**
  - **Quantitative description of impact:**  
Not applicable. Chapter 131 is proposed to be rescinded because the chapter is redundant.
  - **Qualitative description of impact:**  
Not applicable. Chapter 131 is proposed to be rescinded because the chapter is redundant. There is no impact on services or eligibility.
3. **Costs to the State:**

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

The Department incurs personnel and other administrative costs, but none associated with this proposed rulemaking.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

This proposed rulemaking has no impact on State revenues.

**4. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**

Chapter rescission is appropriate.

**5. Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**

Chapter rescission is appropriate.

**6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

The Department considered leaving this chapter in place.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

The Department determined this chapter is duplicative of 441—Chapter 130, which is being addressed in a separate proposed rulemaking.

*Small Business Impact*

**If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:**

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.

- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.

- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

**If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?**

This proposed rulemaking has no impact on small business.

*Text of Proposed Rulemaking*

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **441—Chapter 131**.