

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 441—Chapter 120
“Child Care Homes”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 237A.12

State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 237A.12

Public Hearing

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

August 11, 2026
10 a.m.

Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 236 367 247 016 22
Passcode: Zz9hm7xR

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

This chapter establishes procedures for child care homes that have a child care assistance provider agreement to receive child care assistance funds. Pursuant to Executive Order 10, this chapter underwent a Red Tape Review. During that analysis, it was determined that the content of Chapter 120 could be combined into a new 441—Chapter 110 (**RA 26-175**, IAB 7/22/26) because there are many similarities between registered child development homes and child care homes with a child care provider agreement. As such, Chapter 120 is proposed to be rescinded.

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:**
The Department is proposing to rescind one chapter from agency number [441].
 - **Qualitative description of impact:**

The Department is proposing to rescind this chapter and combine the relevant parts with 441—Chapter 110.

3. Costs to the State:

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

There are no costs associated with this proposed rulemaking.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

This rulemaking is not expected to affect State revenues.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:

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

This chapter is proposed to be rescinded.

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

Not applicable.

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 is not expected to have an impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **441—Chapter 120**.