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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 441—Chapter 62
"Rent Reimbursement"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 425.37

State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code sections 425.16 through 425.37, 425.39, and 425.40 and 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2472, division VII

Public Hearing

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

September 23, 2026 10 a.m.	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 299 521 373 675 206 Passcode: Dq6qm6ow

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This proposed rulemaking eliminates outdated language and codifies the Department's practice that electronic applications received after 4:30 p.m. will be counted as having been received on the next business day. In addition, this proposed rulemaking implements 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2472, division VII, by reflecting the increase in the maximum reimbursement amount from $1,000 to $1,500, beginning with claims for reimbursement for property tax paid during 2026.

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:**

Iowans applying for rent reimbursement will benefit from the clarity provided in this proposed rulemaking. In addition, some eligible Iowans will receive a higher rent reimbursement payment because of the underlying legislation.

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:**

In 2025, the Department received almost 25,000 rent reimbursement claims.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

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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 associated with the program outlined in this proposed rulemaking.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

This proposed rulemaking has no impact on State revenues beyond Item 2, which implements 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2472, division VII, which increases the maximum amount of rent reimbursement a claimant can receive from $1,000 to $1,500. The Legislative Services Agency estimates an approximate $300,000 increase in the amount appropriated beginning in SFY 2027.

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

Rulemaking is authorized under Iowa Code section 425.37 and necessitated by 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2472, division VII.

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:**

Not applicable.

- **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 has no impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Amend rule 441—62.1(425), introductory paragraph, as follows:

441—62.1(425) Eligible claimants. ~~This rule is effective for rent reimbursement claims received by the department on or after January 1, 2023.~~

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 62.2(3) as follows:

62.2(3) The claims are to be based on the actual property tax due and rent constituting property tax paid, with a combined maximum of ~~$1,000~~ $1,500 upon which the credit and reimbursement can be calculated.

EXAMPLE: $800 property tax due
~~$400~~ $900 rent constituting property taxes paid

a. No change.

b. The claim form for calculating the rent reimbursement must reflect only the remaining ~~$200~~ $700 of the ~~$1,000~~ $1,500 maximum allowance.

c. No change.

ITEM 3. Rescind rule 441—62.16(425) and adopt the following **new** rule in lieu thereof:

441—62.16(425) Time for filing a claim.

62.16(1) Claims received after 4:30 p.m. central time Monday through Friday or on a paid holiday, including any paid vacation days granted to state employees by the governor of the state of Iowa, will be considered to be received by the department on the next business day. For the purposes of this rule, "paid holiday" means the same as described in Iowa Code section 1C.2(1).

62.16(2) The granting of an extension of time for filing a claim for reimbursement does not extend the time within which or the dates on or by which eligibility requirements must be satisfied.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.20.