Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: subrule 132.3(4)
"Service Program Operations"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 147A

State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code chapter 147A and section 169.4 as amended by 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 296

Public Hearing

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

October 7, 2025 10 a.m.	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 259 285 819 643 8 Passcode: Do6b3vu7

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 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.

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:**

Emergency medical service providers will benefit from the guidance provided in this proposed rulemaking.

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:**

There is no data associated with this proposed rulemaking since it is implementing new legislation.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

This proposed rulemaking provides guidance to emergency medical service providers who may be in a position to diagnose or treat a severely injured police service dog.

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 implementing the 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:**

Providing direction for the development of policies and procedures via administrative rule strengthens the integrity of the emergency medical service treatment that may be provided under this new legislation.

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. 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.