VOLUNTEER SERVICE, IOWA COMMISSION ON[817]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 817—Chapters 8 and 13
"Changes to Conform to 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 418"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 418
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 418

Public Hearing

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

October 21, 2025 10 a.m.	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 286 319 808 076 0 Passcode: tX6ck6P8

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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Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend the hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

Purpose and Summary

The purpose of this proposed rulemaking is to update language in agency [817] chapters to conform to changes made in 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 418.

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 rulemaking.

- **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

The rulemaking has no specific benefit other than implementing new 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:**

Three rules are amended in this rulemaking.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

The proposed rulemaking updates language in agency [817] chapters to conform to 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 418.

3. **Costs to the State:**

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

The Department has personnel and other administrative costs associated with the proposed rulemaking.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

There is no impact on State revenues.

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

The rulemaking is appropriate because terms are being updated to conform with the statutory construction outlined in 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 418.

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 paragraph **8.4(4)"d"** as follows:

d. Suitability criteria that relate to the program's statement of purpose and needs of the target population. Criteria may include some or all of the following: personality profile, skills identification, ~~gender~~ sex, age, language, racial requirements, level of education, career interests, motivation for volunteering, and academic standing.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **8.4(6)"c"** as follows:

c. Appropriate criteria for matches, including some or all of the following: ~~gender~~ sex, age, language requirements, availability, needs, interests, preferences of volunteer and participant, life experience, and temperament.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 817—13.3(15H) as follows:

817—13.3(15H) Program standards, guidelines, and expectations. The commission will maintain on its website standards, guidelines, and expectations for a productive and appropriate relationship between volunteer mentors and student mentees. Standards, guidelines, and expectations are aimed at helping students meet the last-dollar scholarship or grant program requirements, identify work-based learning opportunities, and make career-related connections that are advantageous to participants in the program through a healthy mentor-mentee relationship. Failure to adhere to the program standards may result in ineligibility to participate in the program. To the extent possible, volunteer mentors and student mentees will be matched based on ~~gender~~ sex, career aspirations, geography and mentor-to-mentee ratio.