Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 641—Chapter 5
"Maternal Deaths"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: Not applicable
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 135.40

Public Hearing

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

November 7, 2024 2 p.m.	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 233 331 347 558 Passcode: h2yRwX

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written 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

The purpose of this chapter is to allow for the procurement and timely confidential review of maternal death and birth records, which inform death prevention recommendations and efforts.

The State Mortality Review Committee (2024 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2385) prompted the centralization of death review teams. Chapter 5 is proposed to be rescinded and centralized with 641—Chapters 90, 91 and 92. Procurement and review will continue to occur as part of this centralized chapter and as a subcommittee of the State Mortality Review Committee.

Analysis of Impact

1. Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:

- Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:

None were identified.

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

None were identified.

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:

Because procurement and review will continue to occur as part of a consolidated chapter and as a subcommittee of the State Mortality Review Committee, no impacts were identified.

- Qualitative description of impact:

Because procurement and review will continue to occur as part of a consolidated chapter and as a subcommittee of the State Mortality Review Committee, no impacts were identified.

3. Costs to the State:

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

Not applicable.

- Anticipated effect on state revenues:

Not applicable.

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:

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?

There is no impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **641—Chapter 5**.