

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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135.1 Definitions.

For the purposes of chapter 155 and Title IV, subtitle 2, excluding chapters 142B, 145B, and 146, unless otherwise defined:

1. "*Director*" shall mean the director of public health.
2. "*Health officer*" shall mean the physician who is the health officer of the local board of health.
3. "*Local board*" shall mean the local board of health.
4. "*Physician*" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, or optometry under the laws of this state; but a person licensed as a physician and surgeon shall be designated as a "physician" or "surgeon", a person licensed as an osteopathic physician and surgeon shall be designated as an "osteopathic physician" or "osteopathic surgeon", a person licensed as an osteopath shall be designated as an "osteopathic physician", a person licensed as a chiropractor shall be designated as a "chiropractor", a person licensed as a podiatrist shall be designated as a "podiatric physician", and a person licensed as an optometrist shall be designated as an "optometrist". A definition or designation contained in this subsection shall not be interpreted to expand the scope of practice of such licensees.
5. "*Rules*" shall include regulations and orders.
6. "*Sanitation officer*" shall mean the police officer who is the permanent sanitation and quarantine officer and who is subject to the direction of the local board of health in the execution of health and quarantine regulations.
7. "*State department*" or "*department*" shall mean the Iowa department of public health.

[S13, § 2583-b; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2181**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.1]

86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1101; 88 Acts, ch 1199, §1; 94 Acts, ch 1023, §10; 95 Acts, ch 108, § 2; 96 Acts, ch 1036, §1; 96 Acts, ch 1212, §15

135.2 Appointment of director.

The governor shall appoint the director of the department, subject to confirmation by the senate. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The director is exempt from the merit system provisions of chapter 8A, subchapter IV. The governor shall set the salary of the director within the range established by the general assembly.

The director shall possess education and experience in public health.

[C97, S13, § 2564; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2182, 2184, 2185**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, § 135.2, 135.4, 135.5; C81, § 135.2]

86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1102; 88 Acts, ch 1158, §32; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §186

Footnotes

Confirmation; §2.32

135.3 Disqualifications.

The director shall not hold any other lucrative office of this state, elective or appointive, during the director's term; provided, however, that the director may serve without compensation as an officer or member of the instructional staff of any of the state educational institutions if any such additional duties and responsibilities do not prohibit the director from performing the duties of the office of director.

[C97, S13, § 2564; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2183**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.3]

135.4 and 135.5 Repealed by 80 Acts, ch 1010, § 86. See § 135.2.

135.6 Assistants and employees.

The director shall employ such assistants and employees as may be authorized by law, and the persons appointed shall perform duties as may be assigned to them by the director.

[C97, S13, § 2564; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2186**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.6]

86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1103

135.7 Bonds.

The director shall require every employee who collects fees or handles funds belonging to the state to give an official bond, properly conditioned and signed by sufficient sureties, in a sum to be fixed by the director which bond shall be approved by the director and filed in the office of the secretary of state.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2187**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.7]

135.8 Seal.

The department shall have an official seal and every commission, license, order, or other paper executed by the department may be attested with its seal.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2188**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.8]

135.9 Expenses.

The director, field and office assistants, inspectors, and employees shall, in addition to salary, receive their necessary traveling expenses by the nearest traveled and practicable route and their necessary and incidental expenses when engaged in the performance of official business.

[C97, § 2574; S13, § 2564, 2574; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2189**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.9]

135.10 Office.

The department shall be located at the seat of government.

[C97, § 2564; S13, § 2564; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2190**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.10]

135.11 Duties of department.

The director of public health shall be the head of the "Iowa Department of Public Health", which shall:

1. Exercise general supervision over the public health, promote public hygiene and sanitation, prevent substance abuse and unless otherwise provided, enforce the laws relating to the same.
2. Conduct campaigns for the education of the people in hygiene and sanitation.
3. Issue monthly health bulletins containing fundamental health principles and other health data deemed of public interest.
4. Make investigations and surveys in respect to the causes of disease and epidemics, and the effect of locality, employment, and living conditions upon the public health. For this purpose the department may use the services of the experts connected with the state hygienic laboratory at the state university of Iowa.
5. Establish, publish, and enforce a code of rules governing the installation of plumbing in cities and amend the same when deemed necessary.
6. Exercise general supervision over the administration of the housing law and give aid to the local authorities in the enforcement of the same, and it shall institute in the name of the state such legal proceedings as may be necessary in the enforcement of said law.
7. Establish stations throughout the state for the distribution of antitoxins and vaccines to physicians, druggists, and other persons, at cost. All antitoxin and vaccine thus distributed shall be labeled "Iowa Department of Public Health".
8. Exercise general supervision over the administration and enforcement of the sexually transmitted diseases and infections law, chapter 139A, subchapter II.
9. Exercise sole jurisdiction over the disposal and transportation of the dead bodies of human beings and prescribe the methods to be used in preparing such bodies for disposal and transportation. However, the department may approve a request for an exception to the application of specific embalming and disposition rules adopted pursuant to this subsection if such rules would otherwise conflict with tenets and practices of a recognized religious denomination to which the deceased individual adhered or of which denomination the

deceased individual was a member. The department shall inform the board of mortuary science examiners of any such approved exception which may affect services provided by a funeral director licensed pursuant to chapter 156.

10. Establish, publish, and enforce rules which require companies, corporations, and other entities to obtain a permit from the department prior to scattering cremated human remains.

11. Exercise general supervision over the administration and enforcement of the vital statistics law, chapter 144.

12. Enforce the law relative to chapter 146 and "Health-related Professions", Title IV, subtitle 3, excluding chapter 155.

13. Establish and maintain such divisions in the department as are necessary for the proper enforcement of the laws administered by it, including a division of contagious and infectious diseases, a division of venereal diseases, a division of housing, a division of sanitary engineering, and a division of vital statistics, but the various services of the department shall be so consolidated as to eliminate unnecessary personnel and make possible the carrying on of the functions of the department under the most economical methods.

14. Establish, publish, and enforce rules not inconsistent with law for the enforcement of the provisions of chapters 125 and 155, and Title IV, subtitle 2, excluding chapters 142B, 145B, and 146 and for the enforcement of the various laws, the administration and supervision of which are imposed upon the department.

15. Establish standards for, issue permits for, and exercise control over the distribution of venereal disease prophylactics distributed by methods not under the direct supervision of a physician licensed under chapter 148, 150 or 150A, or a pharmacist licensed under chapter 147. Any person selling, offering for sale, or giving away any venereal disease prophylactics in violation of the standards established by the department shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, and the department shall revoke their permit.

16. Administer the statewide public health nursing, homemaker-home health aide, and senior health programs by approving grants of state funds to the local boards of health and the county boards of supervisors and by providing guidelines for the approval of the grants and allocation of the state funds. Program direction, evaluation requirements, and formula allocation procedures for each of the programs shall be established by the department by rule, consistent with 1997 Iowa Acts, chapter 203, section 5.

17. Administer chapters 125, 136A, 136C, 139A, 142, 142A, 144, and 147A.

18. Issue an annual report to the governor as provided in section 7E.3, subsection 4.

19. Consult with the office of statewide clinical education programs at the university of Iowa college of medicine and annually submit a report to the general assembly by January 15 verifying the number of physicians in active practice in Iowa by county who are engaged in providing obstetrical care. To the extent data are readily available, the report shall include information concerning the number of deliveries per year by specialty and county, the age of physicians performing deliveries, and the number of current year graduates of the university of Iowa college of medicine and the Des Moines university osteopathic medical center entering into residency programs in obstetrics, gynecology, and family practice. The report may include additional data relating to access to obstetrical services that may be available.

20. Administer the statewide maternal and child health program and the program for children with disabilities by conducting mobile and regional child health specialty clinics and conducting other activities to improve the health of low-income women and children and to promote the welfare of children with actual or potential conditions which may cause disabilities and children with chronic illnesses in accordance with the

requirements of Title V of the federal Social Security Act. The department shall provide technical assistance to encourage the coordination and collaboration of state agencies in developing outreach centers which provide publicly supported services for pregnant women, infants, and children. The department shall also, through cooperation and collaborative agreements with the department of human services and the mobile and regional child health specialty clinics, establish common intake proceedings for maternal and child health services. The department shall work in cooperation with the legislative services agency in monitoring the effectiveness of the maternal and child health centers, including the provision of transportation for patient appointments and the keeping of scheduled appointments.

21. Establish, publish, and enforce rules requiring prompt reporting of methemoglobinemia, pesticide poisoning, and the reportable poisonings and illnesses established pursuant to section 139A.21.

22. Collect and maintain reports of pesticide poisonings and other poisonings, illnesses, or injuries caused by selected chemical or physical agents, including methemoglobinemia and pesticide and fertilizer hypersensitivity; and compile and publish, annually, a statewide and county-by-county profile based on the reports.

23. Adopt rules which require personnel of a licensed hospice, of a homemaker-home health aide provider agency which receives state homemaker-home health aide funds, or of an agency which provides respite care services and receives funds to complete a minimum of two hours of training concerning acquired immune deficiency syndrome- related conditions through a program approved by the department. The rules shall require that new employees complete the training within six months of initial employment and existing employees complete the training on or before January 1, 1989.

24. Adopt rules which require all emergency medical services personnel, firefighters, and law enforcement personnel to complete a minimum of two hours of training concerning acquired immune deficiency syndrome- related conditions and the prevention of human immunodeficiency virus infection.

25. Adopt rules which provide for the testing of a convicted or alleged offender for the human immunodeficiency virus pursuant to sections 915.40 through 915.43. The rules shall provide for the provision of counseling, health care, and support services to the victim.

26. Establish ad hoc and advisory committees to the director in areas where technical expertise is not otherwise readily available. Members may be compensated for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. To encourage health consumer participation, public members may also receive a per diem as specified in section 7E.6 if funds are available and the per diem is determined to be appropriate by the director. Expense moneys paid to the members shall be paid from funds appropriated to the department. A majority of the members of such a committee constitutes a quorum.

27. Establish an abuse education review panel for review and approval of mandatory reporter training curricula for those persons who work in a position classification that under law makes the persons mandatory reporters of child or dependent adult abuse and the position classification does not have a mandatory reporter training curriculum approved by a licensing or examining board.

28. Establish and administer a substance abuse treatment facility pursuant to section 135.130.

1. [C97, § 2565; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2191**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.11(1)]

2, 3. [C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2191**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.11(2, 3)]

4. [C97, § 2565; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2191**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.11(4)]

5, 6. [C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2191**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, § 135.11(8, 9); C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.11(7,

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7. [S13, § 2572-a, -b, -c; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2191**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, § 135.11(11); C73, § 135.11(10); C75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.11(9)]
8. [C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2191**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, § 135.11(12); C73, § 135.11(11); C75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.11(10)]
9. [S13, § 2575-a42; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2191**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, § 135.11(13); C73, § 135.11(12); C75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.11(11)]
10. [C97, § 2565; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2191**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, § 135.11(14); C73, § 135.11(13); C75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.11(12)]
- 11, 12. [C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2191**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, § 135.11(15, 16); C73, § 135.11(14, 15); C75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.11(13, 14)]
13. [C97, § 2565; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2191**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, § 135.11(17); C73, § 135.11(16); C75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.11(15)]
14. [C75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.11(16)]
15. [82 Acts, ch 1260, § 55]

83 Acts, ch 27, § 7; 86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1104; 87 Acts, ch 8, §2; 87 Acts, ch 115, § 22; 87 Acts, ch 225, § 202; 88 Acts, ch 1224, § 12; 89 Acts, ch 304, § 103; 90 Acts, ch 1259, § 10; 91 Acts, ch 258, §29; 93 Acts, ch 140, § 4; 94 Acts, ch 1023, § 11; 94 Acts, ch 1132, § 9; 96 Acts, ch 1036, § 2; 96 Acts, ch 1128, § 1; 96 Acts, ch 1129, § 23; 97 Acts, ch 23, § 13; 97 Acts, ch 197, § 1; 98 Acts, ch 1053, §1; 98 Acts, ch 1087, § 1; 98 Acts, ch 1090, §60, 84; 98 Acts, ch 1221, § 12; 99 Acts, ch 141, §2; 2000 Acts, ch 1058, §14; 2000 Acts, ch 1066, §37; 2000 Acts, ch 1223, §18; 2001 Acts, ch 58, §3; 2001 Acts, ch 122, §1; 2001 Acts, ch 184, §6; 2001 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1, §25, 28; 2002 Acts, ch 1108, §7; 2003 Acts, ch 33, §8, 11; 2003 Acts, ch 35, §45, 49; 2003 Acts, ch 44, §36

Footnotes

Laboratory tests, § 263.7, 263.8

Oversight and administration of local programs for private rural water wells and cisterns, §455E.11

Establishment and funding of state poison control center; 2000 Acts, ch 1221, §1; 2001 Acts, ch 184, §1; 2002 Acts, ch 1174, §1; 2003 Acts, ch 183, §1

135.11A Professional licensure division other licensing boards expenses fees.

There shall be a professional licensure division within the department of public health. Each board of examiners specified under chapter 147 or under the administrative authority of the department, except the

state board of nursing, state board of medical examiners, state board of dental examiners, and state board of pharmacy examiners, shall receive administrative and clerical support from the division and may not employ its own support staff for administrative and clerical duties.

The professional licensure division and the licensing boards may expend funds in addition to amounts budgeted, if those additional expenditures are directly the result of actual examination and exceed funds budgeted for examinations. Before the division or a licensing board expends or encumbers an amount in excess of the funds budgeted for examinations, the director of the department of management shall approve the expenditure or encumbrance. Before approval is given, the department of management shall determine that the examination expenses exceed the funds budgeted by the general assembly to the division or board and the division or board does not have other funds from which examination expenses can be paid. Upon approval of the department of management, the division or licensing board may expend and encumber funds for excess examination expenses. The amounts necessary to fund the excess examination expenses shall be collected as fees from additional examination applicants and shall be treated as repayment receipts as defined in section 8.2.

86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1105; 91 Acts, ch 268, § 306; 92 Acts, ch 1163, § 34

135.12 Plumbing code committee. Repealed by 86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1148.

135.13 Office of rural health established duties. Transferred to §135.107.

135.14 Compensation and expenses. Repealed by 86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1148.

135.15 Plumbing code fund. Repealed by 97 Acts, ch 159, § 25.

135.16 Special women, infants, and children supplemental food program methamphetamine education.

As a component of the federal funding received by the department as the administering agency for the special women, infants, and children supplemental food program, from the United States department of agriculture, food and consumer service, the department shall incorporate a methamphetamine education program into its nutrition and health-related education services. The department shall be responsible for the development of the education program to be delivered, and for the selection of qualified contract agencies to deliver the instruction under the program.

99 Acts, ch 195, §8

135.17 Repealed by 78 Acts, ch 1104, §3.

135.18 Conflicting statutes.

Provisions of this chapter in conflict with the state building code shall not apply where the state building code has been adopted or when the state building code applies throughout the state.

[C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.18]

135.19 Prophylactics samples gathered. Repealed by 2000 Acts, ch 1140, §47.

135.20 Repealed by 82 Acts, ch 1199, § 96, 97. See § 455B.172.

135.21 Pay toilets.

No person shall make a charge or require any special device, key or slug for the use of a toilet located in a room provided for use of the public. Violation of this section is a simple misdemeanor.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 2839; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, § 170.34; C77, § 732.25; C79, 81, § 135.21]

135.22 Central registry for brain or spinal cord injuries.

1. As used in this section:

a. "Brain injury" means the occurrence of injury to the head not primarily related to a degenerative disease or aging process that is documented in a medical record with one or more of the following conditions attributed to the head injury:

- (1) An observed or self-reported decreased level of consciousness.
- (2) Amnesia.
- (3) A skull fracture.
- (4) An objective neurological or neuropsychological abnormality.
- (5) A diagnosed intracranial lesion.

b. "Spinal cord injury" means the occurrence of an acute traumatic lesion of neural elements in the spinal cord including the spinal cord and cauda equina, resulting in temporary or permanent sensory deficit, motor deficit, or bladder or bowel dysfunction.

2. The director shall establish and maintain a central registry of persons with brain or spinal cord injuries in order to facilitate prevention strategies and the provision of appropriate rehabilitative services to the persons by the department and other state agencies. Hospitals shall report patients who are admitted with a brain or spinal cord injury and their diagnoses to the director no later than forty-five days after the close of a quarter in which the patient was discharged. The report shall contain the name, age, and residence of the person, the date, type, and cause of the brain or spinal cord injury, and additional information as the director requires, except that where available, hospitals shall report the Glasgow coma scale. The director shall consult with health care providers concerning the availability of additional relevant information. The department shall maintain the confidentiality of all information which would identify any person named in a report. However, the identifying information may be released for bona fide research purposes if the confidentiality of the identifying information is maintained by the researchers, or the identifying information may be released by the person with the brain or spinal cord injury or by the person's guardian or, if the person is a minor, by the person's parent or guardian.

89 Acts, ch 320, § 10; 92 Acts, ch 1237, § 6; 94 Acts, ch 1068, §3; 99 Acts, ch 141, §3

135.22A Advisory council on brain injuries.

1. For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a. "Brain injury"* means a brain injury as defined in section 135.22.
- b. "Council"* means the advisory council on brain injuries.

2. The advisory council on brain injuries is established. The following persons or their designees shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the council:

- a.* The director of public health.
- b.* The director of human services and any division administrators of the department of human services so assigned by the director.
- c.* The director of the department of education.
- d.* The chief of the special education bureau of the department of education.
- e.* The administrator of the division of vocational rehabilitation services of the department of education.
- f.* The director of the department for the blind.
- g.* The commissioner of insurance.

3. The council shall be composed of a minimum of nine members appointed by the governor in addition to the ex officio members, and the governor may appoint additional members. Insofar as practicable, the council shall include persons with brain injuries, family members of persons with brain injuries, representatives of industry, labor, business, and agriculture, representatives of federal, state, and local government, and representatives of religious, charitable, fraternal, civic, educational, medical, legal, veteran, welfare, and other professional groups and organizations. Members shall be appointed representing every geographic and employment area of the state and shall include members of both sexes.

4. Members of the council appointed by the governor shall be appointed for terms of two years. Vacancies on the council shall be filled for the remainder of the term of the original appointment. Members whose terms expire may be reappointed.

5. The voting members of the council shall appoint a chairperson and a vice chairperson and other officers as the council deems necessary. The officers shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. Members of the council shall receive actual expenses for their services. Members may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in section 7E.6. The council shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A.

6. The council shall do all of the following:

a. Promote meetings and programs for the discussion of methods to reduce the debilitating effects of brain injuries, and disseminate information in cooperation with any other department, agency, or entity on the prevention, evaluation, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of persons affected by brain injuries.

b. Study and review current prevention, evaluation, care, treatment, and rehabilitation technologies and recommend appropriate preparation, training, retraining, and distribution of personnel and resources in the provision of services to persons with brain injuries through private and public residential facilities, day programs, and other specialized services.

c. Participate in developing and disseminating criteria and standards which may be required for future funding or licensing of facilities, day programs, and other specialized services for persons with brain injuries in this state.

d. Make recommendations to the governor for developing and administering a state plan to provide services for persons with brain injuries.

e. Meet at least quarterly.

7. The council is assigned to the department for administrative purposes. The director shall be responsible for

budgeting, program coordination, and related management functions.

8. The council may receive gifts, grants, or donations made for any of the purposes of its programs and disburse and administer them in accordance with their terms and under the direction of the director.

92 Acts, ch 1237, § 7; 94 Acts, ch 1068, §4; 94 Acts, ch 1109, §2; 97 Acts, ch 203, §13; 99 Acts, ch 141, §4; 2000 Acts, ch 1058, §15

Footnotes

For definition of "brain injury" for purposes of recognition as a disability, see also §225C.23

135.23 Licensure of blood collection, blood processing, or plasmapheresis centers. Repealed by 90 Acts, ch 1174, §2.

135.24 Volunteer health care provider program established immunity from civil liability.

1. The director shall establish within the department a program to provide to eligible hospitals, clinics, free clinics, or other health care facilities, health care referral programs, or charitable organizations, free medical, dental, and chiropractic services given on a voluntary basis by health care providers. A participating health care provider shall register with the department and obtain from the department a list of eligible, participating hospitals, clinics, free clinics, or other health care facilities, health care referral programs, or charitable organizations.

2. The department, in consultation with the department of human services, shall adopt rules to implement the volunteer health care provider program which shall include the following:

a. Procedures for registration of health care providers deemed qualified by the board of medical examiners, the board of physician assistant examiners, the board of dental examiners, the board of nursing, the board of chiropractic examiners, the board of psychology examiners, the board of social work examiners, the board of behavioral science examiners, and the board of pharmacy examiners.

b. Procedures for registration of free clinics.

c. Criteria for and identification of hospitals, clinics, free clinics, or other health care facilities, health care referral programs, or charitable organizations, eligible to participate in the provision of free medical, dental, or chiropractic services through the volunteer health care provider program. A free clinic, a health care facility, a health care referral program, a charitable organization, or a health care provider participating in the program shall not bill or charge a patient for any health care provider service provided under the volunteer health care provider program.

d. Identification of the services to be provided under the program. The services provided may include, but shall not be limited to, obstetrical and gynecological medical services, psychiatric services provided by a physician licensed under chapter 148, 150, or 150A, or services provided under chapter 151.

3. A health care provider providing free care under this section shall be considered an employee of the state under chapter 669 and shall be afforded protection as an employee of the state under section 669.21, provided that the health care provider has done all of the following:

a. Registered with the department pursuant to subsection 1.

b. Provided medical, dental, or chiropractic services through a hospital, clinic, free clinic, or other health care

facility, health care referral program, or charitable organization listed as eligible and participating by the department pursuant to subsection 1.

4. A free clinic providing free care under this section shall be considered a state agency solely for the purposes of this section and chapter 669 and shall be afforded protection under chapter 669 as a state agency for all claims arising from the provision of free care by a health care provider registered under subsection 3 who is providing services at the free clinic in accordance with this section, if the free clinic has registered with the department pursuant to subsection 1.

5. For the purposes of this section, "*charitable organization*" means a charitable organization within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code which has as its primary purpose the sponsorship or support of programs designed to improve the quality, awareness, and availability of chiropractic, dental, or medical services to children and to serve as a funding mechanism for provision of chiropractic, dental, or medical services, including but not limited to immunizations, to children in this state.

6. For the purposes of this section:

a. "Free clinic" means a facility, other than a hospital or health care provider's office which is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which has as its sole purpose the provision of health care services without charge to individuals who are otherwise unable to pay for the services.

b. "Health care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 148, 150, 150A, or 151, a physician assistant licensed and practicing under a supervising physician pursuant to chapter 148C, a licensed practical nurse, a registered nurse, a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant registered or licensed to practice under chapter 153, a psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 154B, a social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 154C, a mental health counselor licensed pursuant to chapter 154D, or a pharmacist licensed pursuant to chapter 155A.

93 Acts, ch 65, § 1; 95 Acts, ch 121, § 1; 98 Acts, ch 1027, §16; 2001 Acts, ch 176, §31; 2002 Acts, ch 1108, §8; 2003 Acts, ch 89, §1

135.25 Emergency medical services fund.

An emergency medical services fund is created in the state treasury under the control of the department. The fund includes, but is not limited to, amounts appropriated by the general assembly, and other moneys available from federal or private sources which are to be used for purposes of this section. Funds remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the state but shall remain in the emergency medical services fund, notwithstanding section 8.33. The fund is established to assist counties by matching, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, moneys spent by a county for the acquisition of equipment for the provision of emergency medical services and by providing grants to counties for education and training in the delivery of emergency medical services, as provided in this section and section 422D.6. A county seeking matching funds under this section shall apply to the emergency medical services division of the department. The department shall adopt rules concerning the application and awarding process for the matching funds and the criteria for the allocation of moneys in the fund if the moneys are insufficient to meet the emergency medical services needs of the counties. Moneys allocated by the department to a county for emergency medical services purposes may be used for equipment or training and education as determined by the board of supervisors pursuant to section 422D.6.

93 Acts, ch 58, § 1; 2000 Acts, ch 1043, §1

135.26 and 135.27 Repealed by 65 Acts, ch 375, § 29.

135.28 State substitute medical decision-making board.

A state substitute medical decision-making board is established to formulate policy and guidelines for the operations of local substitute medical decision-making boards, and to act if a local substitute medical decision-making board does not exist. The department, with the approval of the state substitute medical decision-making board, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A for the appointment and operation of local substitute medical decision-making boards. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary regarding confidentiality of medical records, the state substitute medical decision-making board may issue subpoenas relating to the production of medical records of a patient under the board's review. A person participating in good faith in releasing medical record information in response to a board subpoena is immune from any liability, civil or criminal, which might otherwise be incurred or imposed.

The state substitute medical decision-making board is comprised of medical professionals and lay persons appointed by the director and the state board of health according to rules adopted by the department. The state substitute medical decision-making board and its members are not liable, jointly or severally, for actions or omissions taken or made in the official discharge of their duties, except those acts or omissions constituting willful or wanton misconduct.

89 Acts, ch 178, § 1; 90 Acts, ch 1026, § 1; 93 Acts, ch 139, § 2

135.29 Local substitute medical decision-making board.

1. Each county in this state may establish and fund a local substitute medical decision-making board. The local substitute medical decision-making board shall be comprised of medical professionals and lay persons appointed pursuant to the rules adopted by the department.
2. Pursuant to rules adopted by the department, the local substitute medical decision-making board may act as a substitute decision maker for patients incapable of making their own medical care decisions if no other substitute decision maker is available to act. The local substitute medical decision-making board may exercise decision-making authority in situations where there is sufficient time to review the patient's condition, and a reasonably prudent person would consider a decision to be medically necessary. Such medically necessary decisions shall constitute good cause for subsequently filing a petition in the district court for appointment of a guardian pursuant to chapter 633, but the local substitute medical decision-making board shall continue to act in the patient's best interests until a guardian is appointed. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary regarding confidentiality of medical records, the local substitute decision-making board may issue subpoenas relating to the production of medical records of a patient under the board's review. A person participating in good faith in releasing medical record information in response to a board subpoena is immune from any liability, civil or criminal, which might otherwise be incurred or imposed.
3. The local substitute medical decision-making board and its members shall not be held liable, jointly or severally, for any actions or omissions taken or made in the official discharge of their duties, except those acts or omissions constituting willful or wanton misconduct. A physician or other health care provider who acts on a decision or directive of the local substitute medical decision-making board or state substitute medical decision-making board shall not be held liable for any damages resulting from that act, unless such physician's or other health care provider's actions or omissions constitute negligence in the practice of the profession or occupation, or willful or wanton misconduct.

89 Acts, ch 178, § 3; 90 Acts, ch 1026, § 2; 93 Acts, ch 139, § 3

135.30 Protective eyeglasses safety provisions.

No person shall fabricate, distribute, sell, exchange or deliver, or have in the person's possession with the intent to distribute, sell, exchange or deliver, any eyeglasses or sunglasses unless they are fitted with plastic lenses or laminated lenses or heat-treated glass lenses, or glass lenses made impact resistant by other methods

except in those cases where a duly licensed physician or optometrist, having found that such lenses will not fulfill the visual requirements of a particular patient, directs in writing the use of other lenses, and gives written notification thereof to the patient. Before they are mounted in frames, all plastic and heat-treated glass lenses shall be capable of withstanding an impact test of a five-eighths inch steel ball dropped fifty inches. This test to be conducted at room temperature, with the lens supported by a plastic tube one inch inside diameter, one and one-fourth inch outside diameter, with a one-eighth inch by one-eighth inch neoprene gasket on top edge.

The department shall adopt standards and rules which specify impact resistance for lenses and which provide the method of testing lenses to determine if the lenses comply with such standards and rules.

No person shall fabricate, distribute, sell, exchange or deliver, or have in the person's possession with intent to distribute, sell, exchange or deliver any eyeglass frame or sunglass frame containing any form of cellulose nitrate or other highly flammable materials.

Any person violating either provision of this law shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars for each violation.

[C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.30]

135.30A Breast-feeding in public places.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a woman may breast-feed the woman's own child in any public place where the woman's presence is otherwise authorized.

2000 Acts, ch 1140, §21

135.31 Location of boards rulemaking.

The offices for the state board of medical examiners, the state board of pharmacy examiners, the state board of nursing examiners, and the state board of dental examiners shall be located within the department of public health. The individual boards shall have policymaking and rulemaking authority.

86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1107

135.32 Publication and distribution.

The department shall publish from time to time a sufficient number of its rules to supply the needs of the several counties. The county auditor shall annually forward to the department a certified list of the names and addresses of the clerks of all the local boards of health in the auditor's county. Upon receipt of said list the department shall forward to the local boards sufficient copies for distribution in each county; and the clerk of the local board shall upon request furnish a copy of said rules to any resident, physician, or citizen.

[S13, § 2571-b; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 2211; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.32]

135.33 Refusal of board to enforce rules.

If any local board shall fail to enforce the rules of the state department or carry out its lawful directions, the department may enforce the same within the territorial jurisdiction of such local board, and for that purpose it may exercise all of the powers given by statute to the local board, and may employ the necessary assistants to carry out its lawful directions.

[C97, § 2572; S13, § 2569-a, 2572; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 2212; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79,

81, § 135.33]

Footnotes

Powers of local
board, chapter 137

135.34 Expenses for enforcing rules.

All expenses incurred by the state department in determining whether its rules are enforced by a local board, and in enforcing the same when a local board has failed to do so, shall be paid in the same manner as the expenses of enforcing such rules when enforced by the local board.

[S13, § 2572; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2213**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.34]

135.35 Duty of peace officers.

All peace officers of the state when called upon by the department shall enforce its rules and execute the lawful orders of the department within their respective jurisdictions.

[C97, § 2572; S13, § 2572; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2214**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.35]

135.36 Interference with health officer penalties.

Any person resisting or interfering with the department, its employees, or authorized agents, in the discharge of any duty imposed by law shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **2215**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.36]

135.37 Tattooing permit requirement penalty.

1. A person shall not own, control and lease, act as an agent for, conduct, manage, or operate an establishment to practice the art of tattooing or engage in the practice of tattooing without first applying for and receiving a permit from the Iowa department of public health.
2. A minor shall not obtain a tattoo and a person shall not provide a tattoo to a minor. For the purposes of this section, "*minor*" means an unmarried person who is under the age of eighteen years.
3. A person who fails to meet the requirements of subsection 1 or a person providing a tattoo to a minor is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.
4. The Iowa department of public health shall:
 - a. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A and establish and collect all fees necessary to administer this section. The provisions of chapter 17A, including licensing provisions, judicial review, and appeal, shall apply to this chapter.
 - b. Establish minimum safety and sanitation criteria for the operation of tattooing establishments.
5. If the Iowa department of public health determines that a provision of this section has been or is being violated, the department may order that a tattooing establishment not be operated until the necessary corrective action has been taken. If the establishment continues to be operated in violation of the order of the

department, the department may request that the county attorney or the attorney general make an application in the name of the state to the district court of the county in which the violations have occurred for an order to enjoin the violations. This remedy is in addition to any other legal remedy available to the department.

89 Acts, ch 154, § 1

135.38 Penalty.

Any person who knowingly violates any provision of this chapter, or of the rules of the department, or any lawful order, written or oral, of the department or of its officers, or authorized agents, shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

[C73, § 419; C97, § 2573; S13, § 2575-a6; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 2217; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.38]

135.39 Federal aid.

The state department of public health is hereby authorized to accept financial aid from the government of the United States for the purpose of assisting in carrying on public health or substance abuse responsibility in the state of Iowa.

[C31, 35, § 2217-c1; C39, § 2217.1; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.39]

86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1108

135.40 Collection and distribution of information.

Any person, hospital, sanatorium, nursing or rest home or other organization may provide information, interviews, reports, statements, memoranda, or other data relating to the condition and treatment of any person to the department, the Iowa medical society or any of its allied medical societies or the Iowa osteopathic medical association or any in-hospital staff committee, to be used in the course of any study for the purpose of reducing morbidity or mortality, and no liability of any kind or character for damages or other relief shall arise or be enforced against any person or organization by reason of having provided such information or material, or by reason of having released or published the findings and conclusions of such groups to advance medical research and medical education, or by reason of having released or published generally a summary of such studies.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.40]

135.41 Publication.

The department, the Iowa medical society or any of its allied medical societies or the Iowa osteopathic medical association or any in-hospital staff committee shall use or publish said material only for the purpose of advancing medical research or medical education in the interest of reducing morbidity or mortality, except that a summary of such studies may be released by any such group for general publication. In all events the identity of any person whose condition or treatment has been studied shall be confidential and shall not be revealed under any circumstances. A violation of this section shall constitute a simple misdemeanor.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.41]

135.42 Unlawful use.

All information, interviews, reports, statements, memoranda, or other data furnished in accordance with this

division and any findings or conclusions resulting from such studies shall not be used or offered or received in evidence in any legal proceedings of any kind or character, but nothing contained herein shall be construed as affecting the admissibility as evidence of the primary medical or hospital records pertaining to the patient or of any other writing, record or reproduction thereof not contemplated by this division.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.42]

135.43 Iowa child death review team established duties.

1. An Iowa child death review team is established as an independent agency of state government. The Iowa department of public health shall provide staffing and administrative support to the team.
2. The membership of the review team is subject to the provisions of sections 69.16 and 69.16A, relating to political affiliation and gender balance. Review team members who are not designated by another appointing authority shall be appointed by the director of public health in consultation with the director of human services. Membership terms shall be for three years. A membership vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The review team shall elect a chairperson and other officers as deemed necessary by the review team. The review team shall meet upon the call of the chairperson, upon the request of a state agency, or as determined by the review team. The members of the team are eligible for reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

The review team shall include the following:

- a.* The state medical examiner or the state medical examiner's designee.
 - b.* A certified or licensed professional who is knowledgeable concerning sudden infant death syndrome.
 - c.* A pediatrician who is knowledgeable concerning deaths of children.
 - d.* A family practice physician who is knowledgeable concerning deaths of children.
 - e.* One mental health professional who is knowledgeable concerning deaths of children.
 - f.* One social worker who is knowledgeable concerning deaths of children.
 - g.* A certified or licensed professional who is knowledgeable concerning domestic violence.
 - h.* A professional who is knowledgeable concerning substance abuse.
 - i.* A local law enforcement official.
 - j.* A county attorney.
 - k.* An emergency room nurse who is knowledgeable concerning the deaths of children.
 - l.* A perinatal expert.
 - m.* A representative of the health insurance industry.
 - n.* One other appointed at large.
3. The review team shall perform the following duties:

a. Collect, review, and analyze child death certificates and child death data, including patient records or other pertinent confidential information concerning the deaths of children under age eighteen, and other information as the review team deems appropriate for use in preparing an annual report to the governor and the general assembly concerning the causes and manner of child deaths. The report shall include analysis of factual information obtained through review and recommendations regarding prevention of child deaths.

b. Recommend to the governor and the general assembly interventions to prevent deaths of children based on an analysis of the cause and manner of such deaths.

c. Recommend to the agencies represented on the review team changes which may prevent child deaths.

d. Maintain the confidentiality of any patient records or other confidential information reviewed.

4. The review team shall develop protocols for a child fatality review committee, to be appointed by the director on an ad hoc basis, to immediately review the child abuse assessments which involve the fatality of a child under age eighteen. The director shall appoint a medical examiner, a pediatrician, and a person involved with law enforcement to the committee.

a. The purpose of the review shall be to determine whether the department of human services and others involved with the case of child abuse responded appropriately. The protocols shall provide for the committee to consult with any multidisciplinary team, as defined in section 235A.13, that is operating in the area in which the fatality occurred.

b. The committee shall have access to patient records and other pertinent confidential information and, subject to the restrictions in this subsection, may redisseminate the confidential information in the committee's report.

c. Upon completion of the review, the committee shall issue a report which shall include findings concerning the case and recommendations for changes to prevent child fatalities when similar circumstances exist. The report shall include but is not limited to the following information, subject to the restrictions listed in paragraph "*d*":

(1) The dates, outcomes, and results of any actions taken by the department of human services and others in regard to each report and allegation of child abuse involving the child who died.

(2) The results of any review of the case performed by a multidisciplinary team, or by any other public entity that reviewed the case.

(3) Confirmation of the department of human services receipt of any report of child abuse involving the child, including confirmation as to whether or not any assessment involving the child was performed in accordance with section 232.71B, the results of any assessment, a description of the most recent assessment and the services offered to the family, the services rendered to the family, and the basis for the department's decisions concerning the case.

d. Prior to issuing the report, the committee shall consult with the county attorney responsible for prosecution of the alleged perpetrator of the child fatality. The committee's report shall include child abuse information associated with the case and the child, but is subject to the restrictions applicable to the department of human services for release of information concerning a child fatality or near fatality in accordance with section 235A.15, subsection 9.

e. Following the completion of the trial of any alleged perpetrator of the child fatality and the appeal period for the granting of a new trial, the committee shall issue a supplemental report containing the information that was withheld, in accordance with paragraph "*d*", so as not to jeopardize the prosecution or the rights of the

alleged perpetrator to a fair trial as described in section 235A.15, subsection 9, paragraphs "f" and "g".

f. The report and any supplemental report shall be submitted to the governor and general assembly.

5. The following individuals shall designate a liaison to assist the review team in fulfilling its responsibilities:

a. The director of public health.

b. The director of human services.

c. The commissioner of public safety.

d. The administrator of the bureau of vital records of the Iowa department of public health.

e. The attorney general.

f. The director of transportation.

g. The director of the department of education.

6. The review team may establish subcommittees to which the team may delegate some or all of the team's responsibilities under subsection 3.

7. *a.* The Iowa department of public health and the department of human services shall adopt rules providing for disclosure of information which is confidential under chapter 22 or any other provision of state law, to the review team for purposes of performing its child death and child abuse review responsibilities.

b. A person in possession or control of medical, investigative, assessment, or other information pertaining to a child death and child abuse review shall allow the inspection and reproduction of the information by the department upon the request of the department, to be used only in the administration and for the duties of the Iowa child death review team. Except as provided for a report on a child fatality by an ad hoc child fatality review committee under subsection 4, information and records produced under this section which are confidential under section 22.7 and chapter 235A, and information or records received from the confidential records, remain confidential under this section. A person does not incur legal liability by reason of releasing information to the department as required under and in compliance with this section.

8. Review team members and their agents are immune from any liability, civil or criminal, which might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of any act, omission, proceeding, decision, or determination undertaken or performed, or recommendation made as a review team member or agent provided that the review team members or agents acted in good faith and without malice in carrying out their official duties in their official capacity. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this subsection. A complainant bears the burden of proof in establishing malice or lack of good faith in an action brought against review team members involving the performance of their duties and powers under this section.

9. A person who releases or discloses confidential data, records, or any other type of information in violation of this section is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

95 Acts, ch 147, §2; 97 Acts, ch 159, § 3, 4; 2000 Acts, ch 1051, §1; 2000 Acts, ch 1137, §13, 14; 2002 Acts, ch 1119, §129, 130

Footnotes

Legislative findings and purpose; 95 Acts, ch 147, § 1

2000 amendments striking subsection 3, paragraph e, adding subsection 4, and amending subsection 7, paragraph b, apply to disclosures of information made on or after April 21, 2000, related to child abuse reported before, on, or after that date; 2000 Acts, ch 1137, §14

135.44 Repealed by 88 Acts, ch 1158, §102.

135.45 Program established definitions.

1. The director shall establish within the department a program to provide financial assistance to eligible persons with end-stage renal disease who require lifesaving services for the renal disease, but are unable to pay for the service on a continuing basis.

2. As used in this division, unless the context otherwise requires:

a. "*Director*" means the director of public health.

b. "*Committee*" means the renal disease advisory committee.

c. "*Department*" means the Iowa department of public health.

d. "*End-stage renal disease*" means kidney failure which has progressed enough to require dialysis treatment or a kidney transplant to sustain life.

e. "*Patient*" means a person with end-stage renal disease who applies to the department for financial assistance and who is approved to receive the assistance.

f. "*Physician*" means a person who is licensed under chapter 148, 150, or 150A.

g. "*Program*" means the chronic renal disease program conducted by the department.

h. "*Provider*" means a professional or a public or private organization which provides services, directly or indirectly, for the treatment of end-stage renal disease.

[C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.45; 82 Acts, ch 1074, § 1]

135.46 Committee established.

There is established in the department a renal disease advisory committee to advise the department on the administration of the program, and to adjudicate appeals concerning the denial, suspension, or revocation of financial assistance.

1. The committee shall consist of thirteen members appointed by the director. Each member shall be appointed for a term of four years or until a successor is appointed and qualifies beginning July 1 of the year of appointment. The director shall fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of a term by the appointment of a person who represents the same area pursuant to subsection 2, which the person who caused the vacancy represented.

2. The committee shall consist of:

- a. Two physicians representing the Iowa medical profession and who are actively involved in renal dialysis or transplantation.
- b. One registered nurse representing nephrology nurses.
- c. One social worker representing social workers who are actively involved in patient counseling.
- d. One member representing the professional staff of the kidney foundation of Iowa.
- e. Two members who are hospital administrators representing Iowa hospitals. One of the members shall represent a dialysis or transplant facility and the other member shall represent a facility that does not provide dialysis or transplant services.
- f. One social security administrator representing those actively involved in patient or provider reimbursement.
- g. One member representing an Iowa medicare intermediary and involved in third-party payments.
- h. One member representing the end- stage renal disease network as established by federal law.
- i. One member representing the insurance division of the department of commerce of the state.
- j. Two members representing the consumers of health care in Iowa.

3. The committee shall meet as frequently as the director deems necessary, but not less than annually. Special meetings may be called by the director or upon written request by four of the members of the committee. The written request shall include the reason for the meeting. The committee shall elect the officers deemed necessary. A majority of the members is a quorum. The concurrence of at least the quorum is necessary for the committee to render a determination or decision. The committee members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the committee or for discharging their official duties at places outside their county of residence.

[C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.46; 82 Acts, ch 1074, § 2]

89 Acts, ch 83, § 26

135.47 Rulemaking authority.

The department, after consulting with the committee, shall adopt rules relating to financial assistance for the renal disease program. The rules shall include, but are not limited to:

1. The establishment of financial criteria for determining patient eligibility for the program. The eligibility shall be based upon the financial resources of the applicant or patient with due regard to all sources of income.
2. The type and amount of financial assistance that may be provided.
3. The requirements for financial participation by a patient.
4. The establishment of procedures relating to receiving and processing provider fees charged to the department for services rendered on behalf of a patient.
5. The requirements for residency in Iowa for dialysis and transplant patients.

6. Procedures relating to the appeal by an applicant or a patient to the committee because of a denial, suspension, or revocation of financial assistance.

[C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 135.47; 82 Acts, ch 1074, § 3]

135.48 Application for financial assistance.

1. A person diagnosed by a physician as having end-stage renal disease may apply to the department for financial assistance from the program for expenses related directly or indirectly to the illness.
2. The type and amount of financial assistance provided shall be determined by an evaluation of the patient's medical and financial status pursuant to the rules of the department.
3. The department may approve an application for financial assistance if the applicant meets the eligibility requirements for the program and if funds are available.
4. The department may deny an application for financial assistance or may suspend or revoke existing financial assistance for an applicant or patient if the department determines that the applicant or patient is not eligible pursuant to the rules of the department. The denial, suspension, or revocation of financial assistance is not a contested case until the action is appealed to the committee as provided by rule.

[82 Acts, ch 1074, § 4]

135.49 to 135.60 Reserved.

135.61 Definitions.

As used in this division, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "*Affected persons*" means, with respect to an application for a certificate of need:
 - a. The person submitting the application.
 - b. Consumers who would be served by the new institutional health service proposed in the application.
 - c. Each institutional health facility or health maintenance organization which is located in the geographic area which would appropriately be served by the new institutional health service proposed in the application. The appropriate geographic service area of each institutional health facility or health maintenance organization shall be determined on a uniform basis in accordance with criteria established in rules adopted by the department.
 - d. Each institutional health facility or health maintenance organization which, prior to receipt of the application by the department, has formally indicated to the department pursuant to this division an intent to furnish in the future institutional health services similar to the new institutional health service proposed in the application.
 - e. Any other person designated as an affected person by rules of the department.
 - f. Any payer or third-party payer for health services.
2. "*Birth center*" means a facility or institution, which is not an ambulatory surgical center or a hospital or in a hospital, in which births are planned to occur following a normal, uncomplicated, low-risk pregnancy.

3. "*Consumer*" means any individual whose occupation is other than health services, who has no fiduciary obligation to an institutional health facility, health maintenance organization or other facility primarily engaged in delivery of services provided by persons in health service occupations, and who has no material financial interest in the providing of any health services.
4. "*Council*" means the state health facilities council established by this division.
5. "*Department*" means the Iowa department of public health.
6. "*Develop*", when used in connection with health services, means to undertake those activities which on their completion will result in the offer of a new institutional health service or the incurring of a financial obligation in relation to the offering of such a service.
7. "*Director*" means the director of public health, or the director's designee.
8. "*Financial reporting*" means reporting by which hospitals and health care facilities shall respectively record their revenues, expenses, other income, other outlays, assets and liabilities, and units of services.
9. "*Health care facility*" means health care facility as defined in section 135C.1.
10. "*Health care provider*" means a person licensed or certified under chapter 147, 148, 148A, 148C, 149, 150, 150A, 151, 152, 153, 154, 154B, or 155A to provide in this state professional health care service to an individual during that individual's medical care, treatment or confinement.
11. "*Health maintenance organization*" means health maintenance organization as defined in section 514B.1, subsection 6.
12. "*Health services*" means clinically related diagnostic, curative, or rehabilitative services, and includes alcoholism, drug abuse, and mental health services.
13. "*Hospital*" means hospital as defined in section 135B.1, subsection 3.
14. "*Institutional health facility*" means any of the following, without regard to whether the facilities referred to are publicly or privately owned or are organized for profit or not or whether the facilities are part of or sponsored by a health maintenance organization:
 - a. A hospital.
 - b. A health care facility.
 - c. An organized outpatient health facility.
 - d. An outpatient surgical facility.
 - e. A community mental health facility.
 - f. A birth center.
15. "*Institutional health service*" means any health service furnished in or through institutional health facilities or health maintenance organizations, including mobile health services.
16. "*Mobile health service*" means equipment used to provide a health service that can be transported from one delivery site to another.

17. *"Modernization"* means the alteration, repair, remodeling, replacement or renovation of existing buildings or of the equipment previously installed therein, or both.

18. *"New institutional health service" or "changed institutional health service"* means any of the following:

a. The construction, development or other establishment of a new institutional health facility regardless of ownership.

b. Relocation of an institutional health facility.

c. Any capital expenditure, lease, or donation by or on behalf of an institutional health facility in excess of one million five hundred thousand dollars within a twelve- month period.

d. A permanent change in the bed capacity, as determined by the department, of an institutional health facility. For purposes of this paragraph, a change is permanent if it is intended to be effective for one year or more.

e. Any expenditure in excess of five hundred thousand dollars by or on behalf of an institutional health facility for health services which are or will be offered in or through an institutional health facility at a specific time but which were not offered on a regular basis in or through that institutional health facility within the twelve-month period prior to that time.

f. The deletion of one or more health services, previously offered on a regular basis by an institutional health facility or health maintenance organization or the relocation of one or more health services from one physical facility to another.

g. Any acquisition by or on behalf of a health care provider or a group of health care providers of any piece of replacement equipment with a value in excess of one million five hundred thousand dollars, whether acquired by purchase, lease, or donation.

h. Any acquisition by or on behalf of a health care provider or group of health care providers of any piece of equipment with a value in excess of one million five hundred thousand dollars, whether acquired by purchase, lease, or donation, which results in the offering or development of a health service not previously provided. A mobile service provided on a contract basis is not considered to have been previously provided by a health care provider or group of health care providers.

i. Any acquisition by or on behalf of an institutional health facility or a health maintenance organization of any piece of replacement equipment with a value in excess of one million five hundred thousand dollars, whether acquired by purchase, lease, or donation.

j. Any acquisition by or on behalf of an institutional health facility or health maintenance organization of any piece of equipment with a value in excess of one million five hundred thousand dollars, whether acquired by purchase, lease, or donation, which results in the offering or development of a health service not previously provided. A mobile service provided on a contract basis is not considered to have been previously provided by an institutional health facility.

k. Any air transportation service for transportation of patients or medical personnel offered through an institutional health facility at a specific time but which was not offered on a regular basis in or through that institutional health facility within the twelve-month period prior to the specific time.

l. Any mobile health service with a value in excess of one million five hundred thousand dollars.

m. Any of the following:

(1) Cardiac catheterization service.

(2) Open heart surgical service.

(3) Organ transplantation service.

(4) Radiation therapy service applying ionizing radiation for the treatment of malignant disease using megavoltage external beam equipment.

19. "*Offer*", when used in connection with health services, means that an institutional health facility, health maintenance organization, health care provider, or group of health care providers holds itself out as capable of providing, or as having the means to provide, specified health services.

20. "*Organized outpatient health facility*" means a facility, not part of a hospital, organized and operated to provide health care to noninstitutionalized and nonhomebound persons on an outpatient basis; it does not include private offices or clinics of individual physicians, dentists or other practitioners, or groups of practitioners, who are health care providers.

21. "*Outpatient surgical facility*" means a facility which as its primary function provides, through an organized medical staff and on an outpatient basis to patients who are generally ambulatory, surgical procedures not ordinarily performed in a private physician's office, but not requiring twenty-four hour hospitalization, and which is neither a part of a hospital nor the private office of a health care provider who there engages in the lawful practice of surgery. "*Outpatient surgical facility*" includes a facility certified or seeking certification as an ambulatory surgical center, under the federal Medicare program or under the medical assistance program established pursuant to chapter 249A.

22. "*Technologically innovative equipment*" means equipment potentially useful for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes which introduces new technology in the diagnosis or treatment of disease, the usefulness of which is not well enough established to permit a specific plan of need to be developed for the state.

[C79, 81, § 135.61; 82 Acts, ch 1194, § 1, 2]

87 Acts, ch 215, § 39; 91 Acts, ch 225, §1; 97 Acts, ch 93, §1, 2; 2002 Acts, ch 1162, §77

135.62 Department to administer division health facilities council established appointments powers and duties.

1. This division shall be administered by the department. The director shall employ or cause to be employed the necessary persons to discharge the duties imposed on the department by this division.

2. There is established a state health facilities council consisting of five persons appointed by the governor. The council shall be within the department for administrative and budgetary purposes.

a. Qualifications. The members of the council shall be chosen so that the council as a whole is broadly representative of various geographical areas of the state, and no more than three of its members are affiliated with the same political party. Each council member shall be a person who has demonstrated by prior activities an informed concern for the planning and delivery of health services. No member of the council, nor any spouse of a member, shall during the time that member is serving on the council:

(1) Be a health care provider nor be otherwise directly or indirectly engaged in the delivery of health care services nor have a material financial interest in the providing or delivery of health services; nor

(2) Serve as a member of any board or other policymaking or advisory body of an institutional health facility,

a health maintenance organization, or any health or hospital insurer.

b. Appointments. Terms of council members shall be six years, beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19. A member shall be appointed in each odd-numbered year to succeed each member whose term expires in that year. Vacancies shall be filled by the governor for the balance of the unexpired term. Each appointment to the council is subject to confirmation by the senate. A council member is ineligible for appointment to a second consecutive term, unless first appointed to an unexpired term of three years or less.

The governor shall designate one of the council members as chairperson. That designation may be changed not later than July 1 of any odd-numbered year, effective on the date of the organizational meeting held in that year under paragraph "c" of this subsection.

c. Meetings. The council shall hold an organizational meeting in July of each odd-numbered year, or as soon thereafter as the new appointee or appointees are confirmed and have qualified. Other meetings shall be held as necessary to enable the council to expeditiously discharge its duties. Meeting dates shall be set upon adjournment or by call of the chairperson upon five days' notice to the other members. Each member of the council shall receive a per diem as specified in section 7E.6 and reimbursement for actual expenses while engaged in official duties.

d. Duties. The council shall:

(1) Make the final decision, as required by section 135.69, with respect to each application for a certificate of need accepted by the department.

(2) Determine and adopt such policies as are authorized by law and are deemed necessary to the efficient discharge of its duties under this division.

(3) Have authority to direct staff personnel of the department assigned to conduct formal or summary reviews of applications for certificates of need.

(4) Advise and counsel with the director concerning the provisions of this division, and the policies and procedures adopted by the department pursuant to this division.

(5) Review and approve, prior to promulgation, all rules adopted by the department under this division.

[C79, 81, § 135.62]

86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1109; 88 Acts, ch 1277, §26; 90 Acts, ch 1256, § 30; 91 Acts, ch 225, §2, 3; 97 Acts, ch 93, §3

Footnotes

Confirmation, see § 2.32

135.63 Certificate of need required exclusions.

1. A new institutional health service or changed institutional health service shall not be offered or developed in this state without prior application to the department for and receipt of a certificate of need, pursuant to this division. The application shall be made upon forms furnished or prescribed by the department and shall contain such information as the department may require under this division. The application shall be accompanied by a fee equivalent to three-tenths of one percent of the anticipated cost of the project with a minimum fee of six hundred dollars and a maximum fee of twenty-one thousand dollars. The fee shall be remitted by the department to the treasurer of state, who shall place it in the general fund of the state. If an

application is voluntarily withdrawn within thirty calendar days after submission, seventy-five percent of the application fee shall be refunded; if the application is voluntarily withdrawn more than thirty but within sixty days after submission, fifty percent of the application fee shall be refunded; if the application is withdrawn voluntarily more than sixty days after submission, twenty-five percent of the application fee shall be refunded. Notwithstanding the required payment of an application fee under this subsection, an applicant for a new institutional health service or a changed institutional health service offered or developed by an intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation or an intermediate care facility for persons with mental illness as defined pursuant to section 135C.1 is exempt from payment of the application fee.

2. This division shall not be construed to augment, limit, contravene, or repeal in any manner any other statute of this state which may authorize or relate to licensure, regulation, supervision, or control of, nor to be applicable to:

a. Private offices and private clinics of an individual physician, dentist, or other practitioner or group of health care providers, except as provided by section 135.61, subsection 18, paragraphs "g", "h", and "m", and subsections 20 and 21.

b. Dispensaries and first aid stations, located within schools, businesses, or industrial establishments, which are maintained solely for the use of students or employees of those establishments and which do not contain inpatient or resident beds that are customarily occupied by the same individual for more than twenty-four consecutive hours.

c. Establishments such as motels, hotels, and boarding houses which provide medical, nursing personnel, and other health related services as an incident to their primary business or function.

d. The remedial care or treatment of residents or patients in any home or institution conducted only for those who rely solely upon treatment by prayer or spiritual means in accordance with the creed or tenets of any recognized church or religious denomination.

e. A health maintenance organization or combination of health maintenance organizations or an institutional health facility controlled directly or indirectly by a health maintenance organization or combination of health maintenance organizations, except when the health maintenance organization or combination of health maintenance organizations does any of the following:

(1) Constructs, develops, renovates, relocates, or otherwise establishes an institutional health facility.

(2) Acquires major medical equipment as provided by section 135.61, subsection 18, paragraphs "i" and "j".

f. A residential care facility, as defined in section 135C.1, including a residential care facility for persons with mental retardation, notwithstanding any provision in this division to the contrary.

g. A reduction in bed capacity of an institutional health facility, notwithstanding any provision in this division to the contrary, if all of the following conditions exist:

(1) The institutional health facility reports to the department the number and type of beds reduced on a form prescribed by the department at least thirty days before the reduction. In the case of a health care facility, the new bed total must be consistent with the number of licensed beds at the facility. In the case of a hospital, the number of beds must be consistent with bed totals reported to the department of inspections and appeals for purposes of licensure and certification.

(2) The institutional health facility reports the new bed total on its next annual report to the department.

If these conditions are not met, the institutional health facility is subject to review as a *"new institutional"*

health service" or *"changed institutional health service"* under section 135.61, subsection 18, paragraph "d", and subject to sanctions under section 135.73. If the institutional health facility reestablishes the deleted beds at a later time, review as a *"new institutional health service"* or *"changed institutional health service"* is required pursuant to section 135.61, subsection 18, paragraph "d".

h. The deletion of one or more health services, previously offered on a regular basis by an institutional health facility or health maintenance organization, notwithstanding any provision of this division to the contrary, if all of the following conditions exist:

(1) The institutional health facility or health maintenance organization reports to the department the deletion of the service or services at least thirty days before the deletion on a form prescribed by the department.

(2) The institutional health facility or health maintenance organization reports the deletion of the service or services on its next annual report to the department.

If these conditions are not met, the institutional health facility or health maintenance organization is subject to review as a *"new institutional health service"* or *"changed institutional health service"* under section 135.61, subsection 18, paragraph "f", and subject to sanctions under section 135.73.

If the institutional health facility or health maintenance organization reestablishes the deleted service or services at a later time, review as a *"new institutional health service"* or *"changed institutional health service"* may be required pursuant to section 135.61, subsection 18.

i. A residential program exempt from licensing as a health care facility under chapter 135C in accordance with section 135C.6, subsection 8.

j. The construction, modification, or replacement of nonpatient care services, including parking facilities, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, computers, telephone systems, medical office buildings, and other projects of a similar nature, notwithstanding any provision in this division to the contrary.

k. The redistribution of beds by a hospital within the acute care category of bed usage, notwithstanding any provision in this division to the contrary, if all of the following conditions exist:

(1) The hospital reports to the department the number and type of beds to be redistributed on a form prescribed by the department at least thirty days before the redistribution.

(2) The hospital reports the new distribution of beds on its next annual report to the department.

If these conditions are not met, the redistribution of beds by the hospital is subject to review as a new institutional health service or changed institutional health service pursuant to section 135.61, subsection 18, paragraph "d", and is subject to sanctions under section 135.73.

l. The replacement or modernization of any institutional health facility if the replacement or modernization does not add new health services or additional bed capacity for existing health services, notwithstanding any provision in this division to the contrary.

m. Hemodialysis services provided by a hospital or freestanding facility, notwithstanding any provision in this division to the contrary.

n. Hospice services provided by a hospital, notwithstanding any provision in this division to the contrary.

o. The change in ownership, licensure, organizational structure, or designation of the type of institutional health facility if the health services offered by the successor institutional health facility are unchanged.

p. The conversion of an existing number of beds by an intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation to a smaller facility environment, including but not limited to a community-based environment which does not result in an increased number of beds, notwithstanding any provision in this division to the contrary, including subsection 4, if all of the following conditions exist:

(1) The intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation reports the number and type of beds to be converted on a form prescribed by the department at least thirty days before the conversion.

(2) The intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation reports the conversion of beds on its next annual report to the department.

3. This division shall not be construed to be applicable to a health care facility operated by and for the exclusive use of members of a religious order, which does not admit more than two individuals to the facility from the general public, and which was in operation prior to July 1, 1986. However, this division is applicable to such a facility if the facility is involved in the offering or developing of a new or changed institutional health service on or after July 1, 1986.

4. A copy of the application shall be sent to the department of human services at the time the application is submitted to the Iowa department of public health. The department shall not process applications for and the council shall not consider a new or changed institutional health service for an intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation unless both of the following conditions are met:

a. The new or changed beds shall not result in an increase in the total number of medical assistance certified intermediate care facility beds for persons with mental retardation in the state, exclusive of those beds at the state resource centers or other state institutions, beyond one thousand six hundred thirty-six beds.

b. A letter of support for the application is provided by the county board of supervisors, or the board's designee, in the county in which the beds would be located.

[C79, 81, § 135.63; 82 Acts, ch 1194, § 3]

86 Acts, ch 1150, § 1; 86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1110; 91 Acts, ch 225, § 4; 92 Acts, ch 1043, § 1; 92 Acts, ch 1206, § 1; 95 Acts, ch 120, § 1; 96 Acts, ch 1129, § 113; 97 Acts, ch 93, §48; 2002 Acts, ch 1120, §10

Limitation on number of new or changed beds for intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation for FY 20022003; 2002 Acts, ch 1120, §12

135.64 Criteria for evaluation of applications.

1. In determining whether a certificate of need shall be issued, the department and council shall consider the following:

a. The contribution of the proposed institutional health service in meeting the needs of the medically underserved, including persons in rural areas, low-income persons, racial and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, and the elderly, as well as the extent to which medically underserved residents in the applicant's service area are likely to have access to the proposed institutional health service.

b. The relationship of the proposed institutional health services to the long-range development plan, if any, of the person providing or proposing the services.

c. The need of the population served or to be served by the proposed institutional health services for those services.

- d.* The distance, convenience, cost of transportation, and accessibility to health services for persons who live outside metropolitan areas.
- e.* The availability of alternative, less costly, or more effective methods of providing the proposed institutional health services.
- f.* The immediate and long-term financial feasibility of the proposal presented in the application, as well as the probable impact of the proposal on the costs of and charges for providing health services by the person proposing the new institutional health service.
- g.* The relationship of the proposed institutional health services to the existing health care system of the area in which those services are proposed to be provided.
- h.* The appropriate and efficient use or prospective use of the proposed institutional health service, and of any existing similar services, including but not limited to a consideration of the capacity of the sponsor's facility to provide the proposed service, and possible sharing or cooperative arrangements among existing facilities and providers.
- i.* The availability of resources, including, but not limited to, health care providers, management personnel, and funds for capital and operating needs, to provide the proposed institutional health services and the possible alternative uses of those resources to provide other health services.
- j.* The appropriate and nondiscriminatory utilization of existing and available health care providers. Where both allopathic and osteopathic institutional health services exist, each application shall be considered in light of the availability and utilization of both allopathic and osteopathic facilities and services in order to protect the freedom of choice of consumers and health care providers.
- k.* The relationship, including the organizational relationship, of the proposed institutional health services to ancillary or support services.
- l.* Special needs and circumstances of those entities which provide a substantial portion of their services or resources, or both, to individuals not residing in the immediate geographic area in which the entities are located, which entities may include but are not limited to medical and other health professional schools, multidisciplinary clinics, and specialty centers.
- m.* The special needs and circumstances of health maintenance organizations.
- n.* The special needs and circumstances of biomedical and behavioral research projects designed to meet a national need and for which local conditions offer special advantages.
- o.* The impact of relocation of an institutional health facility or health maintenance organization on other institutional health facilities or health maintenance organizations and on the needs of the population to be served, or which was previously served, or both.
- p.* In the case of a construction project, the costs and methods of the proposed construction and the probable impact of the proposed construction project on total health care costs.
- q.* In the case of a proposal for the addition of beds to a health care facility, the consistency of the proposed addition with the plans of other agencies of this state responsible for provision and financing of long-term care services, including home health services.
- r.* The recommendations of staff personnel of the department assigned to the area of certificate of need, concerning the application, if requested by the council.

2. In addition to the findings required with respect to any of the criteria listed in subsection 1 of this section, the council shall grant a certificate of need for a new institutional health service or changed institutional health service only if it finds in writing, on the basis of data submitted to it by the department, that:

a. Less costly, more efficient, or more appropriate alternatives to the proposed institutional health service are not available and the development of such alternatives is not practicable;

b. Any existing facilities providing institutional health services similar to those proposed are being used in an appropriate and efficient manner;

c. In the case of new construction, alternatives including but not limited to modernization or sharing arrangements have been considered and have been implemented to the maximum extent practicable;

d. Patients will experience serious problems in obtaining care of the type which will be furnished by the proposed new institutional health service or changed institutional health service, in the absence of that proposed new service.

3. In the evaluation of applications for certificates of need submitted by university hospital at Iowa City, the unique features of that institution relating to statewide tertiary health care, health science education, and clinical research shall be given due consideration. Further, in administering this division, the unique capacity of university hospitals for the evaluation of technologically innovative equipment and other new health services shall be utilized.

[C79, 81, § 135.64]

91 Acts, ch 225, § 5; 92 Acts, ch 1043, § 2; 96 Acts, ch 1129, § 113; 2002 Acts, ch 1120, §11

135.65 Letter of intent to precede application review and comment.

1. Before applying for a certificate of need, the sponsor of a proposed new institutional health service or changed institutional health service shall submit to the department a letter of intent to offer or develop a service requiring a certificate of need. The letter shall be submitted as soon as possible after initiation of the applicant's planning process, and in any case not less than thirty days before applying for a certificate of need and before substantial expenditures to offer or develop the service are made. The letter shall include a brief description of the proposed new or changed service, its location, and its estimated cost.

2. Upon request of the sponsor of the proposed new or changed service, the department shall make a preliminary review of the letter for the purpose of informing the sponsor of the project of any factors which may appear likely to result in denial of a certificate of need, based on the criteria for evaluation of applications in section 135.64. A comment by the department under this section shall not constitute a final decision.

[C79, 81, § 135.65]

91 Acts, ch 225, §6; 97 Acts, ch 93, §9

135.66 Procedure upon receipt of application public notification.

1. Within fifteen business days after receipt of an application for a certificate of need, the department shall examine the application for form and completeness and accept or reject it. An application shall be rejected only if it fails to provide all information required by the department pursuant to section 135.63, subsection 1. The department shall promptly return to the applicant any rejected application, with an explanation of the reasons for its rejection.

2. Upon acceptance of an application for a certificate of need, the department shall promptly undertake to notify all affected persons in writing that formal review of the application has been initiated. Notification to those affected persons who are consumers or third-party payers or other payers for health services may be provided by distribution of the pertinent information to the news media.

3. Each application accepted by the department shall be formally reviewed for the purpose of furnishing to the council the information necessary to enable it to determine whether or not to grant the certificate of need. A formal review shall consist at a minimum of the following steps:

a. Evaluation of the application against the criteria specified in section 135.64.

b. A public hearing on the application, to be held prior to completion of the evaluation required by paragraph "a", shall be conducted by the council.

4. When a hearing is to be held pursuant to subsection 3, paragraph "b", the department shall give at least ten days' notice of the time and place of the hearing. At the hearing, any affected person or that person's designated representative shall have the opportunity to present testimony.

[C79, 81, § 135.66]

91 Acts, ch 225, §7

135.67 Summary review procedure.

The department may waive the letter of intent procedures prescribed by section 135.65 and substitute a summary review procedure, which shall be established by rules of the department, when it accepts an application for a certificate of need for a project which meets any of the criteria in subsections 1 through 5:

1. A project which is limited to repair or replacement of a facility or equipment damaged or destroyed by a disaster, and which will not expand the facility nor increase the services provided beyond the level existing prior to the disaster.

2. A project necessary to enable the facility or service to achieve or maintain compliance with federal, state or other appropriate licensing, certification or safety requirements.

3. A project which will not change the existing bed capacity of the applicant's facility or service, as determined by the department, by more than ten percent or ten beds, whichever is less, over a two-year period.

4. A project the total cost of which will not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

5. Any other project for which the applicant proposes and the department agrees to summary review.

The department's decision to disallow a summary review shall be binding upon the applicant.

[C79, 81, § 135.67]

91 Acts, ch 225, §810

135.68 Status reports on review in progress.

While formal review of an application for a certificate of need is in progress, the department shall upon request inform any affected person of the status of the review, any findings which have been made in the

course of the review, and any other appropriate information concerning the review.

[C79, 81, § 135.68]

135.69 Council to make final decision.

The department shall complete its formal review of the application within ninety days after acceptance of the application, except as otherwise provided by section 135.72, subsection 4. Upon completion of the formal review, the council shall approve or deny the application. The council shall issue written findings stating the basis for its decision on the application, and the department shall send copies of the council's decision and the written findings supporting the decision to the applicant and to any other person who so requests.

Failure by the council to issue a written decision on an application for a certificate of need within the time required by this section shall constitute denial of and final administrative action on the application.

[C79, 81, § 135.69]

91 Acts, ch 225, §11

135.70 Appeal of certificate of need decisions.

The council's decision on an application for certificate of need, when announced pursuant to section 135.69, is a final decision. Any dissatisfied party who is an affected person with respect to the application, and who participated or sought unsuccessfully to participate in the formal review procedure prescribed by section 135.66, may request a rehearing in accordance with chapter 17A and rules of the department. If a rehearing is not requested or an affected party remains dissatisfied after the request for rehearing, an appeal may be taken in the manner provided by chapter 17A. Notwithstanding the Iowa administrative procedure Act, chapter 17A, a request for rehearing is not required, prior to appeal under section 17A.19.

[C79, 81, § 135.70]

91 Acts, ch 225, §12

135.71 Period for which certificate is valid extension or revocation.

A certificate of need shall be valid for a maximum of one year from the date of issuance. Upon the expiration of the certificate, or at any earlier time while the certificate is valid the holder thereof shall provide the department such information on the development of the project covered by the certificate as the department may request. The council shall determine at the end of the certification period whether sufficient progress is being made on the development of the project. The certificate of need may be extended by the council for additional periods of time as are reasonably necessary to expeditiously complete the project, but may be revoked by the council at the end of the first or any subsequent certification period for insufficient progress in developing the project.

Upon expiration of certificate of need, and prior to extension thereof, any affected person shall have the right to submit to the department information which may be relevant to the question of granting an extension. The department may call a public hearing for this purpose.

[C79, 81, § 135.71]

97 Acts, ch 93, §10

135.72 Authority to adopt rules.

The department shall adopt, with approval of the council, such administrative rules as are necessary to enable it to implement this division. These rules shall include:

1. Additional procedures and criteria for review of applications for certificates of need.
2. Uniform procedures for variations in application of criteria specified by section 135.64 for use in formal review of applications for certificates of need, when such variations are appropriate to the purpose of a particular review or to the type of institutional health service proposed in the application being reviewed.
3. Uniform procedures for summary reviews conducted under section 135.67.
4. Criteria for determining when it is not feasible to complete formal review of an application for a certificate of need within the time limits specified in section 135.69. The rules adopted under this subsection shall include criteria for determining whether an application proposes introduction of technologically innovative equipment, and if so, procedures to be followed in reviewing the application. However, a rule adopted under this subsection shall not permit a deferral of more than sixty days beyond the time when a decision is required under section 135.69, unless both the applicant and the department agree to a longer deferment.

[C79, 81, § 135.72]

91 Acts, ch 225, §13

135.73 Sanctions.

1. Any party constructing a new institutional health facility or an addition to or renovation of an existing institutional health facility without first obtaining a certificate of need or, in the case of a mobile health service, ascertaining that the mobile health service has received certificate of need approval, as required by this division, shall be denied licensure or change of licensure by the appropriate responsible licensing agency of this state.
2. A party violating this division shall be subject to penalties in accordance with this section. The department shall adopt rules setting forth the violations by classification, the criteria for the classification of any violation not listed, and procedures for implementing this subsection.
 - a.* A class I violation is one in which a party offers a new institutional health service or changed institutional health service modernization or acquisition without review and approval by the council. A party in violation is subject to a penalty of three hundred dollars for each day of a class I violation. The department may seek injunctive relief which shall include restraining the commission or continuance of an act which would violate the provisions of this paragraph. Notice and opportunity to be heard shall be provided to a party pursuant to rule of civil procedure 1.1507 and contested case procedures in accordance with chapter 17A. The department may reduce, alter, or waive a penalty upon the party showing good faith compliance with the department's request to immediately cease and desist from conduct in violation of this section.
 - b.* A class II violation is one in which a party violates the terms or provisions of an approved application. The department may seek injunctive relief which shall include restraining the commission or continuance of or abating or eliminating an act which would violate the provisions of this subsection. Notice and opportunity to be heard shall be provided to a party pursuant to rule of civil procedure 1.1507 and contested case procedures in accordance with chapter 17A. The department may reduce, alter, or waive a penalty upon the party showing good faith compliance with the department's request to immediately cease and desist from conduct in violation of this section. A class II violation shall be abated or eliminated within a stated period of time determined by the department and specified by the department in writing. The period of time may be modified by the department for good cause shown. A party in violation may be subject to a penalty of five hundred dollars for each day of a class II violation.

3. Notwithstanding any other sanction imposed pursuant to this section, a party offering or developing any new institutional health service or changed institutional health service without first obtaining a certificate of need as required by this division may be temporarily or permanently restrained from doing so by any court of competent jurisdiction in any action brought by the state, any of its political subdivisions, or any other interested person.

4. The sanctions provided by this section are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any penalty prescribed by law for the acts against which these sanctions are invoked.

[C79, 81, § 135.73]

91 Acts, ch 225, §14

135.74 Uniform financial reporting.

1. The department, after study and in consultation with any advisory committees which may be established pursuant to law, shall promulgate by rule pursuant to chapter 17A uniform methods of financial reporting, including such allocation methods as may be prescribed, by which hospitals and health care facilities shall respectively record their revenues, expenses, other income, other outlays, assets and liabilities, and units of service, according to functional activity center. These uniform methods of financial reporting shall not preclude a hospital or health care facility from using any accounting methods for its own purposes provided these accounting methods can be reconciled to the uniform methods of financial reporting prescribed by the department and can be audited for validity and completeness. Each hospital and each health care facility shall adopt the appropriate system for its fiscal year, effective upon such date as the department shall direct. In determining the effective date for reporting requirements, the department shall consider both the immediate need for uniform reporting of information to effectuate the purposes of this division and the administrative and economic difficulties which hospitals and health care facilities may encounter in complying with the uniform financial reporting requirement, but the effective date shall not be later than January 1, 1980.

2. In establishing uniform methods of financial reporting, the department shall consider:

- a. The existing systems of accounting and reporting currently utilized by hospitals and health care facilities;
- b. Differences among hospitals and health care facilities, respectively, according to size, financial structure, methods of payment for services, and scope, type and method of providing services; and
- c. Other pertinent distinguishing factors.

3. The department shall, where appropriate, provide for modification, consistent with the purposes of this division, of reporting requirements to correctly reflect the differences among hospitals and among health care facilities referred to in subsection 2, and to avoid otherwise unduly burdensome costs in meeting the requirements of uniform methods of financial reporting.

4. The uniform financial reporting methods, where appropriate, shall be structured so as to establish and differentiate costs incurred for patient-related services rendered by hospitals and health care facilities, as distinguished from those incurred in the course of educational, research and other nonpatient-related activities including but not limited to charitable activities of these hospitals and health care facilities.

[C79, 81, § 135.74]

135.75 Annual reports by hospitals, health care facilities.

1. Each hospital and each health care facility shall annually, after the close of its fiscal year, file with the department:

a. A balance sheet detailing the assets, liabilities and net worth of the hospital or health care facility;

b. A statement of its income and expenses; and

c. Such other reports of the costs incurred in rendering services as the department may prescribe.

2. Where more than one licensed hospital or health care facility is operated by the reporting organization, the information required by this section shall be reported separately for each licensed hospital or health care facility. The department shall require preparation of specified financial reports by a certified public accountant, and may require attestation of responsible officials of the reporting hospital or health care facility that the reports submitted are to the best of their knowledge and belief prepared in accordance with the prescribed methods of reporting. The department shall have the right to inspect the books, audits and records of any hospital or health care facility as reasonably necessary to verify reports submitted pursuant to this division.

3. In obtaining the reports required by this section, the department and other state agencies shall co-ordinate their reporting requirements.

4. All reports filed under this section, except privileged medical information, shall be open to public inspection.

[C79, 81, § 135.75]

135.76 Analyses and studies by department.

1. The department shall from time to time undertake analyses and studies relating to hospital and health care facility costs and to the financial status of hospitals or health care facilities, or both, which are subject to the provisions of this division. It shall further require the filing of information concerning the total financial needs of each individual hospital or health care facility and the resources currently or prospectively available to meet these needs, including the effect of proposals made by health systems agencies. The department shall also prepare and file such summaries and compilations or other supplementary reports based on the information filed with it as will, in its judgment, advance the purposes of this division.

2. The analyses and studies required by this section shall be conducted with the objective of providing a basis for determining whether or not regulation of hospital and health care facility rates and charges by the state of Iowa is necessary to protect the health or welfare of the people of the state.

3. In conducting its analyses and studies, the department should determine whether:

a. The rates charged and costs incurred by hospitals and health care facilities are reasonably related to the services offered by those respective groups of institutions.

b. Aggregate rates of hospitals and of health care facilities are reasonably related to the aggregate costs incurred by those respective groups of institutions.

c. Rates are set equitably among all purchasers or classes of purchasers of hospital and of health care facility services.

d. The rates for particular services, supplies or materials established by hospitals and by health care facilities are reasonable. Determination of reasonableness of rates shall include consideration of a fair rate of return to

proprietary hospitals and health care facilities.

4. All data gathered and compiled and all reports prepared under this section, except privileged medical information, shall be open to public inspection.

[C79, 81, § 135.76]

135.77 Report to governor and legislature. Repealed by 97 Acts, ch 203, § 18.

135.78 Data to be compiled.

The department shall compile all relevant financial and utilization data in order to have available the statistical information necessary to properly monitor hospital and health care facility charges and costs. Such data shall include necessary operating expenses, appropriate expenses incurred for rendering services to patients who cannot or do not pay, all properly incurred interest charges, and reasonable depreciation expenses based on the expected useful life of the property and equipment involved. The department shall also obtain from each hospital and health care facility a current rate schedule as well as any subsequent amendments or modifications of that schedule as it may require. In collection of the data required by this section and sections 135.74 through 135.76, the department and other state agencies shall coordinate their reporting requirements.

[C79, 81, § 135.78]

2002 Acts, ch 1119, §14; 2003 Acts, ch 108, §34

135.79 Civil penalty.

Any hospital or health care facility which fails to file with the department the financial reports required by sections 135.74 to 135.78 is subject to a civil penalty of not to exceed five hundred dollars for each offense.

[C79, 81, § 135.79]

135.80 Restriction on application. Repealed by 91 Acts, ch 225, §15.

135.81 Report to general assembly. Repealed by 83 Acts, ch 101, § 129.

135.82 Review forms. Repealed by 91 Acts, ch 225, §15.

135.83 Contracts for assistance with analyses, studies, and data.

In furtherance of the department's responsibilities under sections 135.76 and 135.78, the director may contract with the Iowa hospital association and third-party payers, the Iowa health care facilities association and third-party payers, or the Iowa association of homes for the aging and third-party payers for the establishment of pilot programs dealing with prospective rate review in hospitals or health care facilities, or both. Such contract shall be subject to the approval of the executive council and shall provide for an equitable representation of health care providers, third-party payers, and health care consumers in the determination of criteria for rate review. No third-party payer shall be excluded from positive financial incentives based upon volume of gross patient revenues. No state or federal funds appropriated or available to the department shall be used for any such pilot program.

[C79, 81, § 135.83]

98 Acts, ch 1100, §13; 2001 Acts, ch 74, §2; 2002 Acts, ch 1050, §16

135.84 Organ transplant services. Repealed by 88 Acts, ch 1276, § 46.

135.85 through 135.89 Reserved.

135.90 through 135.96 Transferred to chapter 135J; 90 Acts, ch 1204, § 66.

135.97 through 135.99 Reserved.

135.100 Definitions.

For the purposes of this division, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "*Department*" means the Iowa department of public health.
2. "*Local board*" means the local board of health.

87 Acts, ch 55, §1

135.101 Childhood lead poisoning prevention program.

There is established a childhood lead poisoning prevention program within the Iowa department of public health. The department shall implement and review programs necessary to eliminate potentially dangerous toxic lead levels in children in Iowa in a year for which funds are appropriated to the department for this purpose.

87 Acts, ch 55, §2; 99 Acts, ch 141, §5

135.102 Rules.

The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 17A, regarding the:

1. Implementation of the grant program pursuant to section 135.103.
2. Maintenance of laboratory facilities for the childhood lead poisoning prevention program.
3. Maximum blood lead levels in children living in targeted rental dwelling units.
4. Standards and program requirements of the grant program pursuant to section 135.103.
5. Prioritization of proposed childhood lead poisoning prevention programs, based on the geographic areas known with children identified with elevated blood lead level resulting from surveys completed by the department.
6. Model regulations for lead hazard remediation to be used in instances in which a child is confirmed as lead poisoned. The department shall make the model regulations available to local boards of health and shall promote the adoption of the regulations at the local level, in cities and counties implementing lead hazard remediation programs. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring the adoption of the model regulations.

87 Acts, ch 55, § 3; 99 Acts, ch 141, §6; 2001 Acts, ch 182, §9

135.103 Grant program.

The department shall implement a childhood lead poisoning prevention grant program which provides matching funds to local boards of health or cities for the program after standards and requirements for the local program are developed. The state shall provide funds to approved programs on the basis of three dollars for each one dollar designated by the local board of health or city for the program for the first two years of a program, and funds on the basis of one dollar for each one dollar designated by the local board of health or city for the program for the third and subsequent years of the program if such funding is determined necessary by the department for such subsequent years.

87 Acts, ch 55, § 4; 91 Acts, ch 268, §307; 99 Acts, ch 141, §7

135.104 Requirements.

The program by a local board of health or city receiving matching funding for an approved childhood lead poisoning prevention grant program shall include:

1. A public education program about lead poisoning and dangers of lead poisoning to children.
2. An effective outreach effort to ensure availability of services in the predicted geographic area.
3. A screening program for children, with emphasis on children less than six years of age.
4. Access to laboratory services for lead analysis.
5. A program of referral of identified children for assessment and treatment.
6. An environmental assessment of suspect dwelling units.
7. Surveillance to ensure correction of the identified hazardous settings.
8. A plan of intent to continue the program on a maintenance basis after the grant is discontinued.

87 Acts, ch 55, § 5; 99 Acts, ch 141, § 8, 9; 2002 Acts, ch 1108, §9

135.105 Department duties.

The department shall:

1. Coordinate the childhood lead poisoning prevention program with the department of natural resources, the university of Iowa poison control program, the mobile and regional child health speciality clinics, and any agency or program known for a direct interest in lead levels in the environment.
2. Survey geographic areas not included in the grant program pursuant to section 135.103 periodically to determine prioritization of such areas for future grant programs.

87 Acts, ch 55, § 6; 99 Acts, ch 141, §10

135.105A Lead inspector and lead abater training and certification established civil penalty.

1. The department shall establish a program for the training and certification of lead inspectors and lead abaters. The department shall maintain a listing, available to the public and to city and county health departments, of lead inspectors and lead abaters who have successfully completed the training program and have been certified by the department. A person may be certified as both a lead inspector and a lead abater. However, a person who is certified as both a lead inspector and a lead abater shall not provide both

inspection and abatement services at the same site unless a written consent or waiver, following full disclosure by the person, is obtained from the owner or manager of the site.

2. The department shall also establish a program for the training of painting, demolition, and remodeling contractors and those who provide mitigation control services. The training shall be completed on a voluntary basis.

3. A person who owns real property which includes a residential dwelling and who performs lead inspection or lead abatement of the residential dwelling is not required to obtain certification to perform these measures, unless the residential dwelling is occupied by a person other than the owner or a member of the owner's immediate family while the measures are being performed. However, the department shall encourage property owners who are not required to be certified to complete the training course to ensure the use of appropriate and safe mitigation and abatement procedures.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not perform lead abatement or lead inspections unless the person has completed a training program approved by the department and has obtained certification. A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars for each offense.

96 Acts, ch 1161, §1, 4; 97 Acts, ch 159, §5; 98 Acts, ch 1100, §14

Footnotes

Rules, funding, and fee provisions, see 96 Acts, ch 1161, § 3, 4

135.105B Voluntary guidelines health and environmental measures confirmed cases of lead poisoning.

1. The department may develop voluntary guidelines which may be used to develop and administer local programs to address the health and environmental needs of children who are confirmed as lead poisoned.

2. The voluntary guidelines may be based upon existing local ordinances that address the medical case management of children's health needs and the mitigation of the environmental factors which contributed to the lead poisoning.

3. Following development of the voluntary guidelines, cities or counties may elect to utilize the guidelines in developing and administering local programs through city or county health departments on a city, county, or multicounty basis or may request that the state develop and administer the local program. However, cities and counties are not required to develop and administer local programs based upon the guidelines.

96 Acts, ch 1161, §2, 4

135.105C Renovation, remodeling, and repainting lead hazard notification process established.

1. A person who performs renovation, remodeling, or repainting services of target housing for compensation shall provide an approved lead hazard information pamphlet to the owner and occupant of the housing prior to commencing the services.

2. For the purpose of this section, "*target housing*" means housing constructed prior to 1978 with the exception of housing for the elderly or for persons with disabilities and housing that does not contain a bedroom, unless at least one child, under six years of age, resides or is expected to reside in the housing. The department shall adopt rules to implement the renovation, remodeling, and repainting lead hazard notification process.

3. A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars for each offense.

97 Acts, ch 159, §6, 24; 2000 Acts, ch 1140, §22; 2001 Acts, ch 58, §4

135.106 Healthy families Iowa program established.

1. The Iowa department of public health shall establish a healthy opportunities for parents to experience success (HOPES) healthy families Iowa (HFI) program to provide services to families and children during the prenatal through preschool years. The program shall be designed to do all of the following:

- a.* Promote optimal child health and development.
- b.* Improve family coping skills and functioning.
- c.* Promote positive parenting skills and intrafamilial interaction.
- d.* Prevent child abuse and neglect and infant mortality and morbidity.

2. The HOPES program shall be developed by the Iowa department of public health, and may be implemented, in whole or in part, by contracting with a nonprofit child abuse prevention organization, local nonprofit certified home health program or other local nonprofit organizations, and shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following components:

- a.* Identification of barriers to positive birth outcomes, encouragement of collaboration and cooperation among providers of health care, social and human services, and other services to pregnant women and infants, and encouragement of pregnant women and women of childbearing age to seek health care and other services which promote positive birth outcomes.
- b.* Provision of community-based home-visiting family support to pregnant women and new parents who are identified through a standardized screening process to be at high risk for problems with successfully parenting their child.
- c.* Provision by family support workers of individual guidance, information, and access to health care and other services through care coordination and community outreach, including transportation.
- d.* Provision of systematic screening, prenatally or upon the birth of a child, to identify high-risk families.
- e.* Interviewing by a HOPES program worker or hospital social worker of families identified as high risk and encouragement of acceptance of family support services.
- f.* Provision of services including, but not limited to, home visits, support services, and instruction in child care and development.
- g.* Individualization of the intensity and scope of services based upon the family's needs, goals, and level of risk.
- h.* Assistance by a family support worker to participating families in creating a link to a "medical home" in order to promote preventive health care.
- i.* Evaluation and reporting on the program, including an evaluation of the program's success in reducing participants' risk factors and provision of services and recommendations for changes in or expansion of the program.

j. Provision of continuous follow-up contact with a family served by the program until identified children reach age three or age four in cases of continued high need or until the family attains its individualized goals for health, functioning, and self-sufficiency.

k. Provision or employment of family support workers who have experience as a parent, knowledge of health care services, social and human services, or related community services and have participated in a structured training program.

l. Provision of a training program that meets established standards for the education of family support workers. The structured training program shall include at a minimum the fundamentals of child health and development, dynamics of child abuse and neglect, and principles of effective parenting and parenting education.

m. Provision of crisis child care through utilization of existing child care services to participants in the program.

n. Program criteria shall include a required match of one dollar provided by the organization contracting to deliver services for each two dollars provided by the state grant. This requirement shall not restrict the department from providing unmatched grant funds to communities to plan new or expanded programs for HOPES. The department shall establish a limit on the amount of administrative costs that can be supported with state funds.

o. Involvement with the community assessment and planning process in the community served by HOPES programs to enhance collaboration and integration of family support programs.

p. Collaboration, to the greatest extent possible, with other family support programs funded or operated by the state.

q. Utilization of private party, third party, and medical assistance for reimbursement to defray the costs of services provided by the program to the extent possible.

3. It is the intent of the general assembly to provide communities with the discretion and authority to redesign existing local programs and services targeted at and assisting families expecting babies and families with children who are newborn through five years of age. The Iowa department of public health, department of human services, department of education, and other state agencies and programs, as appropriate, shall provide technical assistance and support to communities desiring to redesign their local programs and shall facilitate the consolidation of existing state funding appropriated and made available to the community for family support services. Funds which are consolidated in accordance with this subsection shall be used to support the redesigned service delivery system. In redesigning services, communities are encouraged to implement a single uniform family risk assessment mechanism and shall demonstrate the potential for improved outcomes for children and families. Requests by local communities for the redesigning of services shall be submitted to the Iowa department of public health, department of human services, and department of education, and are subject to the approval of the Iowa empowerment board in consultation with the departments, based on the innovation zone principles established in section 8A.2, Code 1997.

92 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1001, § 419; 97 Acts, ch 138, §1; 98 Acts, ch 1206, §10

135.107 Center for rural health and primary care established duties.

1. The center for rural health and primary care is established within the department. There is established an advisory committee to the center for rural health and primary care consisting of one representative, approved by the respective agency, of each of the following agencies: the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the Iowa department of public health, the department of inspections and appeals, the national

institute for rural health policy, the rural health resource center, the institute of agricultural medicine and occupational health, and the Iowa state association of counties. The governor shall appoint two representatives of consumer groups active in rural health issues and a representative of each of two farm organizations active within the state, a representative of an agricultural business in the state, a practicing rural family physician, a practicing rural physician assistant, a practicing rural advanced registered nurse practitioner, and a rural health practitioner who is not a physician, physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner, as members of the advisory committee. The advisory committee shall also include as members two state representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one by the minority leader of the house, and two state senators, one appointed by the majority leader of the senate and one by the minority leader of the senate.

The advisory committee shall regularly meet with the administrative head of the center as well as the director of the center for agricultural health and safety established under section 262.78. The head of the center and the director of the center for agricultural health and safety shall consult with the advisory committee and provide the committee with relevant information regarding their agencies.

2. The center for rural health and primary care shall do all of the following:

a. Provide technical planning assistance to rural communities and counties exploring innovative means of delivering rural health services through community health services assessment, planning, and implementation, including but not limited to hospital conversions, cooperative agreements among hospitals, physician and health practitioner support, recruitment and retention of primary health care providers, public health services, emergency medical services, medical assistance facilities, rural health care clinics, and alternative means which may be included in the long-term community health services assessment and developmental plan. The center for rural health and primary care shall encourage collaborative efforts of the local boards of health, hospital governing boards, and other public and private entities located in rural communities to adopt a long-term community health services assessment and developmental plan pursuant to rules adopted by the department and perform the duties required of the Iowa department of public health in section 135B.33.

b. Provide technical assistance to assist rural communities in improving medicare reimbursements through the establishment of rural health clinics, defined pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1395(x), and distinct part skilled nursing facility beds.

c. Coordinate services to provide research for the following items:

(1) Examination of the prevalence of rural occupational health injuries in the state.

(2) Assessment of training and continuing education available through local hospitals and others relating to diagnosis and treatment of diseases associated with rural occupational health hazards.

(3) Determination of continuing education support necessary for rural health practitioners to diagnose and treat illnesses caused by exposure to rural occupational health hazards.

(4) Determination of the types of actions that can help prevent agricultural accidents.

(5) Surveillance and reporting of disabilities suffered by persons engaged in agriculture resulting from diseases or injuries, including identifying the amount and severity of agricultural-related injuries and diseases in the state, identifying causal factors associated with agricultural-related injuries and diseases, and indicating the effectiveness of intervention programs designed to reduce injuries and diseases.

d. Cooperate with the center for agricultural health and safety established under section 262.78, the center for health effects of environmental contamination established under section 263.17, and the department of

agriculture and land stewardship. The agencies shall coordinate programs to the extent practicable.

e. Administer grants for farm safety education efforts directed to rural families for the purpose of preventing farm- related injuries to children.

3. The center for rural health and primary care shall establish a primary care provider recruitment and retention endeavor, to be known as PRIMECARRE. The endeavor shall include a community grant program, a primary care provider loan repayment program, and a primary care provider community scholarship program. The endeavor shall be developed and implemented in a manner to promote and accommodate local creativity in efforts to recruit and retain health care professionals to provide services in the locality. The focus of the endeavor shall be to promote and assist local efforts in developing health care provider recruitment and retention programs. Eligibility under any of the programs established under the primary care provider recruitment and retention endeavor shall be based upon a community health services assessment completed under subsection 2, paragraph "a". A community or region, as applicable, shall submit a letter of intent to conduct a community health services assessment and to apply for assistance under this subsection. The letter shall be in a form and contain information as determined by the center. A letter of intent shall be submitted to the center by January 1 preceding the fiscal year for which an application for assistance is to be made. Assistance under this subsection shall not be granted until such time as the community or region making application has completed the community health services assessment and adopted a long-term community health services assessment and developmental plan. In addition to any other requirements, a developmental plan shall include a clear commitment to informing high school students of the health care opportunities which may be available to such students.

The center for rural health and primary care shall seek additional assistance and resources from other state departments and agencies, federal agencies and grant programs, private organizations, and any other person, as appropriate. The center is authorized and directed to accept on behalf of the state any grant or contribution, federal or otherwise, made to assist in meeting the cost of carrying out the purpose of this subsection. All federal grants to and the federal receipts of the center are appropriated for the purpose set forth in such federal grants or receipts. Funds appropriated by the general assembly to the center for implementation of this subsection shall first be used for securing any available federal funds requiring a state match, with remaining funds being used for the community grant program.

The center for rural health and primary care may, to further the purposes of this subsection, provide financial assistance in the form of grants to support the effort of a community which is clearly part of the community's long-term community health services assessment and developmental plan. Efforts for which such grants may be awarded include, but are not limited to, the procurement of clinical equipment, clinical facilities, and telecommunications facilities, and the support of locum tenens arrangements and primary care provider mentor programs.

a. Community grant program. The center for rural health and primary care shall adopt rules establishing an application process to be used by the center to establish a grant assistance program as provided in this paragraph, and establishing the criteria to be used in evaluating the applications. Selection criteria shall include a method for prioritizing grant applications based on illustrated efforts to meet the health care provider needs of the locality and surrounding area. Such assistance may be in the form of a forgivable loan, grant, or other nonfinancial assistance as deemed appropriate by the center. An application submitted shall contain a commitment of at least a dollar-for-dollar match of the grant assistance. Application may be made for assistance by a single community or group of communities.

Grants awarded under the program shall be subject to the following limitations:

(1) Ten thousand dollars for a single community or region with a population of ten thousand or less. An award shall not be made under this program to a community with a population of more than ten thousand.

(2) An amount not to exceed one dollar per capita for a region in which the population exceeds ten thousand. For purposes of determining the amount of a grant for a region, the population of the region shall not include the population of any community with a population of more than ten thousand located in the region.

b. Primary care provider loan repayment program.

(1) A primary care provider loan repayment program is established to increase the number of health professionals practicing primary care in federally designated health professional shortage areas of the state. Under the program, loan repayment may be made to a recipient for educational expenses incurred while completing an accredited health education program directly related to obtaining credentials necessary to practice the recipient's health profession.

(2) The center for rural health and primary care shall adopt rules relating to the establishment and administration of the primary care provider loan repayment program. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph shall provide, at a minimum, for all of the following:

(a) Determination of eligibility requirements and qualifications of an applicant to receive loan repayment under the program, including but not limited to years of obligated service, clinical practice requirements, and residency requirements. One year of obligated service shall be provided by the applicant in exchange for each year of loan repayment, unless federal requirements otherwise require. Loan repayment under the program shall not be approved for a health provider whose license or certification is restricted by a medical regulatory authority of any jurisdiction of the United States, other nations, or territories.

(b) Identification of federally designated health professional shortage areas of the state and prioritization of such areas according to need.

(c) Determination of the amount and duration of the loan repayment an applicant may receive, giving consideration to the availability of funds under the program, and the applicant's outstanding educational loans and professional credentials.

(d) Determination of the conditions of loan repayment applicable to an applicant.

(e) Enforcement of the state's rights under a loan repayment program contract, including the commencement of any court action.

(f) Cancellation of a loan repayment program contract for reasonable cause.

(g) Participation in federal programs supporting repayment of loans of health care providers and acceptance of gifts, grants, and other aid or amounts from any person, association, foundation, trust, corporation, governmental agency, or other entity for the purposes of the program.

(h) Upon availability of state funds, determine eligibility criteria and qualifications for participating communities and applicants not located in federally designated shortage areas.

(i) Other rules as necessary.

(3) The center for rural health and primary care may enter into an agreement under chapter 28E with the college student aid commission for the administration of this program.

c. Primary care provider community scholarship program.

(1) A primary care provider community scholarship program is established to recruit and to provide scholarships to train primary health care practitioners in federally designated health professional shortage

areas of the state. Under the program, scholarships may be awarded to a recipient for educational expenses incurred while completing an accredited health education program directly related to obtaining the credentials necessary to practice the recipient's health profession.

(2) The department shall adopt rules relating to the establishment and administration of the primary care provider community scholarship program. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph shall provide, at a minimum, for all of the following:

(a) Determination of eligibility requirements and qualifications of an applicant to receive scholarships under the program, including but not limited to years of obligated service, clinical practice requirements, and residency requirements. One year of obligated service shall be provided by the applicant in exchange for each year of scholarship receipt, unless federal requirements otherwise require.

(b) Identification of federally designated health professional shortage areas of the state and prioritization of such areas according to need.

(c) Determination of the amount of the scholarship an applicant may receive.

(d) Determination of the conditions of scholarship to be awarded to an applicant.

(e) Enforcement of the state's rights under a scholarship contract, including the commencement of any court action.

(f) Cancellation of a scholarship contract for reasonable cause.

(g) Participation in federal programs supporting scholarships for health care providers and acceptance of gifts, grants, and other aid or amounts from any person, association, foundation, trust, corporation, governmental agency, or other entity for the purposes of the program.

(h) Upon availability of state funds, determination of eligibility criteria and qualifications for participating communities and applicants not located in federally designated shortage areas.

(i) Other rules as necessary.

(3) The center for rural health and primary care may enter into an agreement under chapter 28E with the college student aid commission for the administration of this program.

89 Acts, ch 304, § 702; 90 Acts, ch 1207, § 1, 2; 90 Acts, ch 1223, § 18

C93, § 135.13

94 Acts, ch 1168, §2

C95, § 135.107

95 Acts, ch 67, § 10; 96 Acts, ch 1128, § 2, 3; 97 Acts, ch 23, § 14; 97 Acts, ch 203, §14; 98 Acts, ch 1100, §15; 2000 Acts, ch 1058, §16, 17; 2000 Acts, ch 1140, §2325; 2000 Acts, ch 1223, §20, 21

Footnotes

Legislative findings; 94 Acts, ch 1168, § 1

135.108 Definitions.

As used in this division, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "*Department*" means the Iowa department of public health.
2. "*Director*" means the director of public health.
3. "*Domestic abuse death*" means a homicide or suicide that involves or is a result of an assault as defined in section 708.1 and to which any of the following circumstances apply to the parties involved:
 - a. The alleged or convicted perpetrator is related to the decedent as spouse, separated spouse, or former spouse.
 - b. The alleged or convicted perpetrator resided with the decedent at the time of the assault that resulted in the homicide or suicide.
 - c. The alleged or convicted perpetrator and the decedent resided together in the past but did not reside together at the time of the assault that resulted in the homicide or suicide.
 - d. The alleged or convicted perpetrator and decedent are parents of the same minor child, whether they were married or lived together at any time.
 - e. The alleged or convicted perpetrator was in an ongoing personal relationship with the decedent.
 - f. The alleged or convicted perpetrator was arrested for or convicted of stalking or harassing the decedent, or an order or court-approved agreement was entered against the perpetrator under chapter 232, 236, 598, or 915 to restrict contact by the perpetrator with the decedent.
 - g. The decedent was related by blood or affinity to an individual who lived in the same household with or was in the workplace or proximity of the decedent, and that individual was threatened with assault by the perpetrator.
4. "*Team*" means the domestic abuse death review team established in section 135.109.

2000 Acts, ch 1136, §1

135.109 Iowa domestic abuse death review team membership.

1. An Iowa domestic abuse death review team is established as an independent agency of state government.
2. The department shall provide staffing and administrative support to the team.
3. The team shall include the following members:
 - a. The state medical examiner or the state medical examiner's designee.
 - b. A licensed physician who is knowledgeable concerning domestic abuse injuries and deaths, including suicides.
 - c. A licensed mental health professional who is knowledgeable concerning domestic abuse.
 - d. A representative or designee of the Iowa coalition against domestic violence.
 - e. A certified or licensed professional who is knowledgeable concerning substance abuse.

- f.* A law enforcement official who is knowledgeable concerning domestic abuse.
 - g.* A law enforcement investigator experienced in domestic abuse investigation.
 - h.* An attorney experienced in prosecuting domestic abuse cases.
 - i.* A judicial officer appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.
 - j.* A clerk of the district court appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.
 - k.* An employee or subcontractor of the department of corrections who is a trained batterers' education program facilitator.
 - l.* An attorney licensed in this state who provides criminal defense assistance or child custody representation, and who has experience in dissolution of marriage proceedings.
 - m.* Both a female and a male victim of domestic abuse.
 - n.* A family member of a decedent whose death resulted from domestic abuse.
4. The following individuals shall each designate a liaison to assist the team in fulfilling the team's duties:
- a.* The attorney general.
 - b.* The director of the Iowa department of corrections.
 - c.* The director of public health.
 - d.* The director of human services.
 - e.* The commissioner of public safety.
 - f.* The administrator of the bureau of vital records of the Iowa department of public health.
 - g.* The director of the department of education.
 - h.* The state court administrator.
 - i.* The director of the department of human rights.
5. *a.* The director of public health, in consultation with the attorney general, shall appoint review team members who are not designated by another appointing authority.
- b.* A membership vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.
- c.* The membership of the review team is subject to the provisions of sections 69.16 and 69.16A, relating to political affiliation and gender balance.
- d.* A member of the team may be reappointed to serve additional terms on the team, subject to the provisions of chapter 69.
6. Membership terms shall be three-year staggered terms.

7. Members of the team are eligible for reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

8. Team members and their agents are immune from any liability, civil or criminal, which might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of any act, omission, proceeding, decision, or determination undertaken or performed, or recommendation made as a team member or agent provided that the team members or agents acted reasonably and in good faith and without malice in carrying out their official duties in their official capacity. A complainant bears the burden of proof in establishing malice or unreasonableness or lack of good faith in an action brought against team members involving the performance of their duties and powers.

2000 Acts, ch 1136, §2

Terms of initial team members; 2000 Acts, ch 1136, §6

135.110 Iowa domestic abuse death review team powers and duties.

1. The review team shall perform the following duties:

a. Prepare an annual report for the governor, supreme court, attorney general, and the general assembly concerning the following subjects:

(1) The causes and manner of domestic abuse deaths, including an analysis of factual information obtained through review of domestic abuse death certificates and domestic abuse death data, including patient records and other pertinent confidential and public information concerning domestic abuse deaths.

(2) The contributing factors of domestic abuse deaths.

(3) Recommendations regarding the prevention of future domestic abuse deaths, including actions to be taken by communities, based on an analysis of these contributing factors.

b. Advise and consult the agencies represented on the team and other state agencies regarding program and regulatory changes that may prevent domestic abuse deaths.

c. Develop protocols for domestic abuse death investigations and team review.

2. In performing duties pursuant to subsection 1, the review team shall review the relationship between the decedent victim and the alleged or convicted perpetrator from the point where the abuse allegedly began, until the domestic abuse death occurred, and shall review all relevant documents pertaining to the relationship between the parties, including but not limited to protective orders and dissolution, custody, and support agreements and related court records, in order to ascertain whether a correlation exists between certain events in the relationship and any escalation of abuse, and whether patterns can be established regarding such events in relation to domestic abuse deaths in general. The review team shall consider such conclusions in making recommendations pursuant to subsection 1.

3. The team shall meet upon the call of the chairperson, upon the request of a state agency, or as determined by a majority of the team.

4. The team shall annually elect a chairperson and other officers as deemed necessary by the team.

5. The team may establish committees or panels to whom the team may assign some or all of the team's responsibilities.

6. Members of the team who are currently practicing attorneys or current employees of the judicial branch of

state government shall not participate in the following:

- a.* An investigation by the team that involves a case in which the team member is presently involved in the member's professional capacity.
- b.* Development of protocols by the team for domestic abuse death investigations and team review.
- c.* Development of regulatory changes related to domestic abuse deaths.

2000 Acts, ch 1136, §3; 2000 Acts, ch 1232, §48; 2002 Acts, ch 1119, §131

135.111 Confidentiality of domestic abuse death records.

1. A person in possession or control of medical, investigative, or other information pertaining to a domestic abuse death and related incidents and events preceding the domestic abuse death, shall allow for the inspection and review of written or photographic information related to the death, whether the information is confidential or public in nature, by the department upon the request of the department and the team, to be used only in the administration and for the official duties of the team. Information and records produced under this section that are confidential under the law of this state or under federal law, or because of any legally recognized privilege, and information or records received from the confidential records, remain confidential under this section.
2. A person does not incur legal liability by reason of releasing information to the department as required under and in compliance with this section.
3. A person who releases or discloses confidential data, records, or any other type of information in violation of this section is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

2000 Acts, ch 1136, §4

135.112 Rulemaking.

The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A relating to the administration of the domestic abuse death review team and sections 135.108 through 135.111.

2000 Acts, ch 1136, §5

135.113 through 135.117 Reserved.

135.118 Child protection center grant program.

1. A child protection center grant program is established in the Iowa department of public health in accordance with this section. The director of public health shall establish requirements for the grant program and shall award grants. A grant may be used for establishment of a new center or for support of an existing center.
2. The eligibility requirements for a child protection center grant shall include but are not limited to all of the following:
 - a.* A grantee must meet or be in the process of meeting the standards established by the national children's alliance for children's advocacy centers.
 - b.* A grantee must have in place an interagency memorandum of understanding regarding participation in the

operation of the center and for coordinating the activities of the government entities that respond to cases of child abuse in order to facilitate the appropriate disposition of child abuse cases through the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Agencies participating under the memorandum must include the following that are operating in the area served by the grantee:

- (1) Department of human services county offices assigned to child protection.
- (2) County and municipal law enforcement agencies.
- (3) Office of the county attorney.
- (4) Other government agencies involved with child abuse assessments or service provision.

c. The interagency memorandum must provide for a cooperative team approach to responding to child abuse, reducing the number of interviews required of a victim of child abuse, and establishing an approach that emphasizes the best interest of the child and that provides investigation, assessment, and rehabilitative services.

d. As necessary to address serious cases of child abuse such as those involving sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, and substance abuse, a grantee must be able to involve or consult with persons from various professional disciplines who have training and expertise in addressing special types of child abuse. These persons may include but are not limited to physicians and other health care professionals, mental health professionals, social workers, child protection workers, attorneys, juvenile court officers, public health workers, child development experts, child educators, and child advocates.

3. The director shall create a committee to consider grant proposals and to make grant recommendations to the director. The committee membership may include but is not limited to representatives of the following: departments of human services, justice, and public health, Iowa medical society, Iowa hospital association, Iowa nurses association, and an association representing social workers.

4. Implementation of the grant program is subject to the availability of funding for the grant program.

2001 Acts, ch 166, §1

135.119 Reserved.

135.120 Taxation of organized delivery systems.

Payments received by an organized delivery system licensed by the director for health care services, insurance, indemnity, or other benefits to which an enrollee is entitled through an organized delivery system authorized under 1993 Iowa Acts, chapter 158, and payments by an organized delivery system licensed by the director to providers for health care services, to insurers, or corporations authorized under chapter 514 for insurance, indemnity, or other service benefits authorized under 1993 Iowa Acts, chapter 158, are not premiums received and taxable under the provisions of section 432.1 for the first five years of the existence of the organized delivery system, its successors or assigns, or the first five years after July 1, 1996, whichever is the later. After the first five years, the payments received shall be considered premiums received and shall be taxable under the provisions of section 432.1, subsection 1. However, payments made by the United States secretary of health and human services under contracts issued under section 1833 or 1876 of the federal Social Security Act, section 4015 of the federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, or chapter 249A for enrolled members shall not be considered premiums received and shall not be taxable under section 432.1.

96 Acts, ch 1146, §1; 2002 Acts, ch 1158, §1

135.121 through 135.129 Reserved.

135.130 Substance abuse treatment facility for persons on probation.

1. The director shall establish and operate a facility for the purpose of providing a structured treatment program for persons with a substance abuse problem who are on probation and under the supervision of a judicial district department of correctional services. The department shall enter into an agreement pursuant to chapter 28E with the department of corrections for assistance in establishing security for the facility. The department, in consultation with the department of corrections, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section. The rules adopted shall include rules related to the treatment requirements of the program.

2. A substance abuse treatment facility advisory council is established within the department to advise and make recommendations to the director regarding the establishment and operation of a facility for persons with a substance abuse problem who are on probation and to assist with the implementation of treatment programs that are proven to be effective for offenders. The substance abuse treatment facility advisory council shall consist of the directors of the eight judicial district departments of correctional services and one representative each from the judicial branch, the Iowa department of public health, the department of corrections, and the governor's office of drug control policy.

3. The department, in consultation with the department of corrections and the advisory council, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to establish and operate the facility.

2001 Acts, ch 184, §7

135.131 Universal newborn and infant hearing screening.

1. For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

a. "Birth center" means birth center as defined in section 135.61.

b. "Birthing hospital" means a private or public hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 135B that has a licensed obstetric unit or is licensed to provide obstetric services.

2. Beginning January 1, 2004, all newborns and infants born in this state shall be screened for hearing loss in accordance with this section. The person required to perform the screening shall use at least one of the following procedures:

a. Automated or diagnostic auditory brainstem response.

b. Otoacoustic emissions.

c. Any other technology approved by the department.

3. Beginning January 1, 2004, a birthing hospital shall screen every newborn delivered in the hospital for hearing loss prior to discharge of the newborn from the birthing hospital. A birthing hospital that transfers a newborn for acute care prior to completion of the hearing screening shall notify the receiving facility of the status of the hearing screening. The receiving facility shall be responsible for completion of the newborn hearing screening. The birthing hospital or other facility completing the hearing screening under this subsection shall report the results of the screening to the parent or guardian of the newborn and to the department in a manner prescribed by rule of the department.

4. Beginning January 1, 2004, a birth center shall refer the newborn to a licensed audiologist, physician, or

hospital for screening for hearing loss prior to discharge of the newborn from the birth center. The hearing screening shall be completed within thirty days following discharge of the newborn. The person completing the hearing screening shall report the results of the screening to the parent or guardian of the newborn and to the department in a manner prescribed by rule of the department.

5. Beginning January 1, 2004, if a newborn is delivered in a location other than a birthing hospital or a birth center, the physician or other health care professional who undertakes the pediatric care of the newborn or infant shall ensure that the hearing screening is performed within three months of the date of the newborn's or infant's birth. The physician or other health care professional shall report the results of the hearing screening to the parent or guardian of the newborn or infant and to the department in a manner prescribed by rule of the department.

6. A birthing hospital, birth center, physician, or other health care professional required to report information under subsection 3, 4, or 5 shall report all of the following information to the department relating to a newborn's or infant's hearing screening, as applicable:

- a. The name, address, and telephone number, if available, of the mother of the newborn or infant.
- b. The primary care provider at the birthing hospital or birth center for the newborn or infant.
- c. The results of the hearing screening.
- d. Any rescreenings and the diagnostic audiological assessment procedures used.

7. The department may share information with agencies and persons involved with newborn and infant hearing screenings, follow-up, and intervention services, including the local birth-to-three coordinator or similar agency, the local area education agency, and local health care providers. The department shall adopt rules to protect the confidentiality of the individuals involved.

8. An area education agency with which information is shared pursuant to subsection 7 shall report all of the following information to the department relating to a newborn's or infant's hearing, follow-up, and intervention services, as applicable:

- a. The name, address, and telephone number, if available, of the mother of the newborn or infant.
- b. The results of the hearing screening and any rescreenings, including the diagnostic audiological assessment procedures used.
- c. The nature of any follow-up or other intervention services provided to the newborn or infant.

9. This section shall not apply if the parent objects to the screening. If a parent objects to the screening, the birthing hospital, birth center, physician, or other health care professional required to report information under subsection 3, 4, or 5 to the department shall obtain a written refusal from the parent, shall document the refusal in the newborn's or infant's medical record, and shall report the refusal to the department in the manner prescribed by rule of the department.

10. A person who acts in good faith in complying with this section shall not be civilly or criminally liable for reporting the information required to be reported by this section.

2003 Acts, ch 102, §1

135.132 Interagency pharmaceuticals bulk purchasing council.

1. For the purposes of this section, "*interagency pharmaceuticals bulk purchasing council*" or "*council*" means the interagency pharmaceuticals bulk purchasing council created in this section.
2. An interagency pharmaceuticals bulk purchasing council is created within the Iowa department of public health. The department shall provide staff support to the council and the department of pharmaceutical care of the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics shall act in an advisory capacity to the council. The council shall be composed of all of the following members:
 - a. The director of public health, or the director's designee.
 - b. The director of human services, or the director's designee.
 - c. The director of the department of administrative services, or the director's designee.
 - d. A representative of the state board of regents.
 - e. The director of the department of corrections, or the director's designee.
 - f. The director, or the director's designee, of any other agency that purchases pharmaceuticals designated to be included as a member by the director of public health.
3. The council shall select a chairperson annually from its membership. A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum.
4. The council shall do all of the following:
 - a. Develop procedures that member agencies must follow in purchasing pharmaceuticals. However, a member agency may elect not to follow the council's procedures if the agency is able to purchase the pharmaceuticals for a lower price than the price available through the council. An agency that does not follow the council's procedures shall report all of the following to the council:
 - (1) The purchase price for the pharmaceuticals.
 - (2) The name of the wholesaler, retailer, or manufacturer selling the pharmaceuticals.
 - b. Designate a member agency as the central purchasing agency for purchasing of pharmaceuticals.
 - c. Use existing distribution networks, including wholesale and retail distributors, to distribute the pharmaceuticals.
 - d. Investigate options that maximize purchasing power, including expanding purchasing under the medical assistance program, qualifying for participation in purchasing programs under 42 U.S.C. § 256b, as amended, and utilizing rebate programs, hospital disproportionate share purchasing, multistate purchasing alliances, and health department and federally qualified health center purchasing.
 - e. In collaboration with the department of pharmaceutical care of the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics, make recommendations to member agencies regarding drug utilization review, prior authorization, the use of restrictive formularies, the use of mail order programs, and copayment structures. This paragraph shall not apply to the medical assistance program but only to the operations of the member agencies.
5. The central purchasing agency may enter into agreements with a local governmental entity to purchase pharmaceuticals for the local governmental entity.

6. The council shall develop procedures under which the council may disclose information relating to the prices manufacturers or wholesalers charge for pharmaceuticals by category of pharmaceutical. The procedure shall prohibit the council from disclosing information that identifies a specific manufacturer or wholesaler or the prices charged by a specific manufacturer or wholesaler for a specific pharmaceutical.

2003 Acts, ch 112, §1; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286

135.133 through 135.139 Reserved.

135.140 Definitions.

As used in this division, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "*Bioterrorism*" means the intentional use of any microorganism, virus, infectious substance, or biological product that may be engineered as a result of biotechnology, or any naturally occurring or bioengineered component of any such microorganism, virus, infectious substance, or biological product, to cause death, disease, or other biological malfunction in a human, an animal, a plant, or another living organism.
2. "*Department*" means the Iowa department of public health.
3. "*Director*" means the director of public health or the director's designee.
4. "*Disaster*" means disaster as defined in section 29C.2.
5. "*Disaster medical assistance team*" or "*DMAT*" means a team of professionals, including licensed health care providers, nonmedical professionals skilled and trained in disaster or emergency response, and public health practitioners, which is sponsored by a hospital or other entity and approved by the department to provide disaster medical assistance in the event of a disaster or threatened disaster.
6. "*Division*" means the division of epidemiology, emergency medical services, and disaster operations of the department.
7. "*Public health disaster*" means a state of disaster emergency proclaimed by the governor in consultation with the department pursuant to section 29C.6 for a disaster which specifically involves an imminent threat of an illness or health condition that meets any of the following conditions of paragraphs "*a*" and "*b*":
 - a. Is reasonably believed to be caused by any of the following:
 - (1) Bioterrorism or other act of terrorism.
 - (2) The appearance of a novel or previously controlled or eradicated infectious agent or biological toxin.
 - (3) A chemical attack or accidental release.
 - (4) An intentional or accidental release of radioactive material.
 - (5) A nuclear or radiological attack or accident.
 - b. Poses a high probability of any of the following:
 - (1) A large number of deaths in the affected population.
 - (2) A large number of serious or long-term disabilities in the affected population.

(3) Widespread exposure to an infectious or toxic agent that poses a significant risk of substantial future harm to a large number of the affected population.

2003 Acts, ch 33, §1, 11; 2003 Acts, ch 179, §64

135.141 Division of epidemiology, emergency medical services, and disaster operations establishment duties of department.

1. A division of epidemiology, emergency medical services, and disaster operations is established within the department. The division shall coordinate the administration of this division of this chapter with other administrative divisions of the department and with federal, state, and local agencies and officials.

2. The department shall do all of the following:

a. Coordinate with the homeland security and emergency management division of the department of public defense the administration of emergency planning matters which involve the public health, including development, administration, and execution of the public health components of the comprehensive plan and emergency management program pursuant to section 29C.8.

b. Coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies and officials, and private agencies, organizations, companies, and persons, the administration of emergency planning matters that involve the public health.

c. Conduct and maintain a statewide risk assessment of any present or potential danger to the public health from biological agents.

d. If a public health disaster exists, or if there is reasonable cause to believe that a public health disaster is imminent, conduct a risk assessment of any present or potential danger to the public health from chemical, radiological, or other potentially dangerous agents.

e. For the purpose of paragraphs "*c*" and "*d*", an employee or agent of the department may enter into and examine any premises containing potentially dangerous agents with the consent of the owner or person in charge of the premises or, if the owner or person in charge of the premises refuses admittance, with an administrative search warrant obtained under section 808.14. Based on findings of the risk assessment and examination of the premises, the director may order reasonable safeguards or take any other action reasonably necessary to protect the public health pursuant to rules adopted to administer this subsection.

f. Coordinate the location, procurement, storage, transportation, maintenance, and distribution of medical supplies, drugs, antidotes, and vaccines to prepare for or in response to a public health disaster, including receiving, distributing, and administering items from the strategic national stockpile program of the centers for disease control and prevention of the United States department of health and human services.

g. Conduct or coordinate public information activities regarding emergency and disaster planning matters that involve the public health.

h. Apply for and accept grants, gifts, or other funds to be used for programs authorized by this division of this chapter.

i. Establish and coordinate other programs or activities as necessary for the prevention, detection, management, and containment of public health disasters.

j. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A for the administration of this division of this chapter including rules adopted in cooperation with the Iowa pharmacy association and the Iowa hospital association for the development of a surveillance system to monitor supplies of drugs, antidotes, and vaccines to assist in

detecting a potential public health disaster.

Prior to adoption, the rules shall be approved by the state board of health and the administrator of the homeland security and emergency management division of the department of public defense.

2003 Acts, ch 33, §2, 11; 2003 Acts, ch 179, §157

135.142 Health care supplies.

1. The department may purchase and distribute antitoxins, serums, vaccines, immunizing agents, antibiotics, and other pharmaceutical agents or medical supplies as deemed advisable in the interest of preparing for or controlling a public health disaster.

2. If a public health disaster exists or there is reasonable cause to believe that a public health disaster is imminent and if the public health disaster or belief that a public health disaster is imminent results in a statewide or regional shortage or threatened shortage of any product described under subsection 1, whether such product has been purchased by the department, the department may control, restrict, and regulate by rationing and using quotas, prohibitions on shipments, allocation, or other means, the use, sale, dispensing, distribution, or transportation of the relevant product necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of this state. The department shall collaborate with persons who have control of the products when reasonably possible.

3. In making rationing or other supply and distribution decisions, the department shall give preference to health care providers, disaster response personnel, and mortuary staff.

4. During a public health disaster, the department may procure, store, or distribute any antitoxins, serums, vaccines, immunizing agents, antibiotics, and other pharmaceutical agents or medical supplies located within the state as may be reasonable and necessary to respond to the public health disaster, and may take immediate possession of these pharmaceutical agents and supplies. If a public health disaster affects more than one state, this section shall not be construed to allow the department to obtain antitoxins, serums, vaccines, immunizing agents, antibiotics, and other pharmaceutical agents or medical supplies for the primary purpose of hoarding such items or preventing the fair and equitable distribution of these pharmaceutical and medical supplies among affected states. The department shall collaborate with affected states and persons when reasonably possible.

5. The state shall pay just compensation to the owner of any product lawfully taken or appropriated by the department for the department's temporary or permanent use in accordance with this section. The amount of compensation shall be limited to the costs incurred by the owner to procure the item.

2003 Acts, ch 33, §3, 11

135.143 Disaster medical assistance teams.

1. The department shall approve disaster medical assistance teams to supplement and support disrupted or overburdened local medical and public health personnel, hospitals, and resources at or near the site of a disaster or threatened disaster by providing direct medical care to victims or by providing other support services.

2. A member of a disaster medical assistance team acting pursuant to this division of this chapter shall be considered an employee of the state under chapter 669, shall be afforded protection as an employee of the state under section 669.21, and shall be considered an employee of the state for purposes of workers' compensation and death benefits, provided that the member has done all of the following:

- a. Registered with and received approval to serve on a disaster medical assistance team from the department.
 - b. Provided direct medical care to a victim of a disaster or provided other support services during a disaster.
3. The department shall provide the department of administrative services with a list of individuals who have registered with and received approval from the department to serve on a disaster medical assistance team. The department shall update the list on a quarterly basis, or as necessary for the department of administrative services to determine eligibility for coverage.
4. Upon notification of a compensable loss, the department of administrative services shall seek funding from the executive council for those costs associated with covered workers' compensation benefits.

2003 Acts, ch 33, §4, 11; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286

135.144 Additional duties of the department related to a public health disaster.

If a public health disaster exists, the department, in conjunction with the governor, may do any of the following:

1. Decontaminate or cause to be decontaminated, to the extent reasonable and necessary to address the public health disaster, any facility or material if there is cause to believe the contaminated facility or material may endanger the public health.
2. Adopt and enforce measures to provide for the identification and safe disposal of human remains, including performance of postmortem examinations, transportation, embalming, burial, cremation, interment, disinterment, and other disposal of human remains. To the extent possible, religious, cultural, family, and individual beliefs of the deceased person or the deceased person's family shall be considered when disposing of any human remains.
3. Take reasonable measures as necessary to prevent the transmission of infectious disease and to ensure that all cases of communicable disease are properly identified, controlled, and treated.
4. Take reasonable measures as necessary to ensure that all cases of chemical, biological, and radiological contamination are properly identified, controlled, and treated.
5. Order physical examinations and tests and collect specimens as necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of individuals, to be performed by any qualified person authorized to do so by the department. An examination or test shall not be performed or ordered if the examination or test is reasonably likely to lead to serious harm to the affected individual. The department may isolate or quarantine, pursuant to chapter 139A and the rules implementing chapter 139A and this division of this chapter, any individual whose refusal of medical examination or testing results in uncertainty regarding whether the individual has been exposed to or is infected with a communicable or potentially communicable disease or otherwise poses a danger to public health.
6. Vaccinate or order that individuals be vaccinated against an infectious disease and to prevent the spread of communicable or potentially communicable disease. Vaccinations shall be administered by any qualified person authorized to do so by the department. The vaccination shall not be provided or ordered if it is reasonably likely to lead to serious harm to the affected individual. To prevent the spread of communicable or potentially communicable disease, the department may isolate or quarantine, pursuant to chapter 139A and the rules implementing chapter 139A and this division of this chapter, any person who is unable or unwilling to undergo vaccination pursuant to this subsection.
7. Treat or order that individuals exposed to or infected with disease receive treatment or prophylaxis.

Treatment or prophylaxis shall be administered by any qualified person authorized to do so by the department. Treatment or prophylaxis shall not be provided or ordered if the treatment or prophylaxis is reasonably likely to lead to serious harm to the affected individual. To prevent the spread of communicable or potentially communicable disease, the department may isolate or quarantine, pursuant to chapter 139A and the rules implementing chapter 139A and this division of this chapter, any individual who is unable or unwilling to undergo treatment or prophylaxis pursuant to this section.

8. Isolate or quarantine individuals or groups of individuals pursuant to chapter 139A and the rules implementing chapter 139A and this division of this chapter.

9. Inform the public when a public health disaster has been declared or terminated, about protective measures to take during the disaster, and about actions being taken to control the disaster.

10. Accept grants and loans from the federal government pursuant to section 29C.6 or available provisions of federal law.

2003 Acts, ch 33, §5, 11; 2003 Acts, ch 179, §65

135.145 Information sharing.

1. When the department of public safety or other federal, state, or local law enforcement agency learns of a case of a reportable disease or health condition, unusual cluster, or a suspicious event that may be the cause of a public health disaster, the department or agency shall immediately notify the department, the administrator of the homeland security and emergency management division of the department of public defense, the department of agriculture and land stewardship, and the department of natural resources as appropriate.

2. When the department learns of a case of a reportable disease or health condition, an unusual cluster, or a suspicious event that the department reasonably believes could potentially be caused by bioterrorism or other act of terrorism, the department shall immediately notify the department of public safety, the homeland security and emergency management division of the department of public defense, and other appropriate federal, state, and local agencies and officials.

3. Sharing of information on reportable diseases, health conditions, unusual clusters, or suspicious events between the department and public safety authorities and other governmental agencies shall be restricted to sharing of only the information necessary for the prevention, control, and investigation of a public health disaster.

4. Release of information pursuant to this section shall be consistent with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191.

2003 Acts, ch 33, §6, 11; 2003 Acts, ch 179, §157

Footnotes

Reportable disease; §139A.3