

**249A.4B Medical assistance advisory council.**

1. A medical assistance advisory council is created to comply with [42 C.F.R. §431.12](#) based on section 1902(a)(4) of the federal Social Security Act and to advise the director about health and medical care services under the medical assistance program. The council shall meet no more than quarterly. The director of public health and a public member of the council selected by the public members of the council specified in [subsection 2](#), paragraph “b”, shall serve as co-chairpersons of the council.

2. The council shall include all of the following voting members:

a. The president, or the president’s representative, of each of the following professional or business entities, or a member of each of the following professional or business entities, selected by the entity:

- (1) The Iowa medical society.
- (2) The Iowa osteopathic medical association.
- (3) The Iowa academy of family physicians.
- (4) The Iowa chapter of the American academy of pediatrics.
- (5) The Iowa physical therapy association.
- (6) The Iowa dental association.
- (7) The Iowa nurses association.
- (8) The Iowa pharmacy association.
- (9) The Iowa podiatric medical society.
- (10) The Iowa optometric association.
- (11) The Iowa association of community providers.
- (12) The Iowa psychological association.
- (13) The Iowa psychiatric society.
- (14) The Iowa chapter of the national association of social workers.
- (15) The coalition for family and children’s services in Iowa.
- (16) The Iowa hospital association.
- (17) The Iowa association of rural health clinics.
- (18) The Iowa primary care association.
- (19) Free clinics of Iowa.
- (20) The opticians’ association of Iowa, inc.
- (21) The Iowa association of hearing health professionals.
- (22) The Iowa speech and hearing association.
- (23) The Iowa health care association.
- (24) The Iowa association of area agencies on aging.
- (25) AARP.
- (26) The Iowa caregivers association.
- (27) Leading age Iowa.
- (28) The Iowa association for home care.
- (29) The Iowa council of health care centers.
- (30) The Iowa physician assistant society.
- (31) The Iowa association of nurse practitioners.
- (32) The Iowa nurse practitioner society.
- (33) The Iowa occupational therapy association.
- (34) The ARC of Iowa, formerly known as the association for retarded citizens of Iowa.
- (35) The national alliance on mental illness.
- (36) The Iowa state association of counties.
- (37) The Iowa developmental disabilities council.
- (38) The Iowa chiropractic society.
- (39) The Iowa academy of nutrition and dietetics.
- (40) The Iowa behavioral health association.
- (41) The midwest association for medical equipment services or an affiliated Iowa organization.

b. Ten public representatives which may include members of consumer groups, including recipients of medical assistance or their families, consumer organizations, and others, appointed by the governor for staggered terms of two years each, none of whom shall be

members of, or practitioners of, or have a pecuniary interest in any of the professional or business entities specifically represented under paragraph “a”, and a majority of whom shall be current or former recipients of medical assistance or members of the families of current or former recipients.

c. A member of the hawk-i board created in [section 514I.5](#), selected by the members of the hawk-i board.

3. The council shall include all of the following nonvoting members:

a. The director of public health, or the director’s designee.

b. The director of the department on aging, or the director’s designee.

c. The long-term care ombudsman, or the long-term care ombudsman’s designee.

d. The dean of Des Moines university — osteopathic medical center, or the dean’s designee.

e. The dean of the university of Iowa college of medicine, or the dean’s designee.

f. The following members of the general assembly, each for a term of two years as provided in [section 69.16B](#):

(1) Two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives from their respective parties.

(2) Two members of the senate, one appointed by the president of the senate after consultation with the majority leader of the senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

4. a. An executive committee of the council is created and shall consist of the following members of the council:

(1) Five of the professional or business entity members designated pursuant to [subsection 2](#), paragraph “a”, and selected by the members specified under that paragraph, as voting members.

(2) Five of the public members appointed pursuant to [subsection 2](#), paragraph “b”, and selected by the members specified under that paragraph, as voting members. Of the five public members, at least one member shall be a recipient of medical assistance.

(3) The director of public health, or the director’s designee, as a nonvoting member.

b. The executive committee shall meet on a monthly basis. The director of public health and the public member serving as co-chairperson of the council shall serve as co-chairpersons of the executive committee.

c. Based upon the deliberations of the council and the executive committee, the executive committee shall make recommendations to the director regarding the budget, policy, and administration of the medical assistance program.

5. For each council meeting, other than those held during the time the general assembly is in session, each legislative member of the council shall be reimbursed for actual travel and other necessary expenses and shall receive a per diem as specified in [section 7E.6](#) for each day in attendance, as shall the members of the council or the executive committee who are recipients or the family members of recipients of medical assistance, regardless of whether the general assembly is in session.

6. The department shall provide staff support and independent technical assistance to the council and the executive committee.

7. The director shall consider the recommendations offered by the council and the executive committee in the director’s preparation of medical assistance budget recommendations to the council on human services pursuant to [section 217.3](#) and in implementation of medical assistance program policies.

2005 Acts, ch 120, §3; 2008 Acts, ch 1156, §36, 58; 2009 Acts, ch 23, §55; 2011 Acts, ch 129, §93, 156; 2012 Acts, ch 1023, §32; 2012 Acts, ch 1068, §1; 2013 Acts, ch 30, §48; 2016 Acts, ch 1139, §99; 2018 Acts, ch 1165, §130

Referred to in [§217.3](#)

Subsection 2, paragraph a, subparagraphs (27) and (28) stricken and former subparagraphs (29) – (43) renumbered as (27) – (41)