

217.3 Duties of council.

The council shall:

1. Organize annually and select a chairperson and vice chairperson.
2. Advise the department on conduct of the department and the implementation of all services and programs administered by the department.
3. Report immediately to the governor any failure by the department to carry out any of the policy decisions or directives of the department.
4. Advise and make recommendations to the department on the budget of the department prior to submission to the governor. Prior to making recommendations on the budget, the council shall publicize and hold a public hearing to provide explanations and hear questions, opinions, and suggestions regarding the budget. Invitations to the hearing shall be extended to the governor, the governor-elect, the director of the department of management, and other persons deemed by the council as integral to the budget process. The budget materials submitted to the governor shall include recommendations for revising the medical assistance program made available by federal action or by actions implemented by other states as identified by the department, the medical assistance advisory council created in [section 249A.4B](#), and by county representatives. The review shall address what potential revisions could be made in this state and how the changes would be beneficial to Iowans.
5. Make recommendations to the department to ensure that all programs administered or services rendered by the department directly to any citizen or through a local agency to any citizen are coordinated and integrated so that any citizen does not receive a duplication of services from various departments or local agencies that could be rendered by one department or local agency.
6. Recommend to the governor the names of individuals qualified for the position of director when a vacancy exists in the office.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §217.3]

83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 89 Acts, ch 283, §18; 95 Acts, ch 205, §36; 98 Acts, ch 1155, §7; 2005 Acts, ch 120, §1; 2019 Acts, ch 85, §90; 2021 Acts, ch 80, §107; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §326; 2024 Acts, ch 1170, §404