

**441—10.6(8A) Appeal process.**

**10.6(1)** A debtor who receives a preoffset notice may request an appeal of the existence or amount of the underlying debt if such request is made within 15 days of the date the preoffset notice is mailed.

**10.6(2)** Request for appeal must be submitted in writing to the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Finance, Attn: Offset Appeals, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

**10.6(3)** If a request for appeal is timely made, the department shall issue a notice of hearing to the debtor and provide a copy of the notice of hearing to the assistant attorney general for the department.

**10.6(4)** The appeal shall be conducted as a contested case proceeding pursuant to 641—Chapter 173.

**10.6(5)** If a request for appeal is timely made, the department shall notify the department of administrative services within 45 days of the notification of offset. The department shall hold a payment in abeyance until the final disposition of the contested liability or offset.

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