

605—11.23(29C) Program implementation.

11.23(1) *Disaster proclamation.* The Iowa disaster case advocacy (IDCA) program shall be implemented when the governor issues a proclamation of a state of emergency disaster that authorizes individual assistance.

- a.* The program shall be in effect only in those counties named in the proclamation.
- b.* The program shall commence on the day following the governor's disaster proclamation and shall be provided for a period of up to 180 days from the date of proclamation.
- c.* The program may be extended in intervals up to 90 days when adequate justification is presented to the department, but not to exceed 730 days from the date of the proclamation.
- d.* If the disaster transforms to become a presidentially declared disaster and a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster case management (DCM) grant is approved, then assistance may be provided for a period of up to 24 months from the date of the proclamation.
- e.* The reporting of the numbers of contacts, cases opened, cases pending, cases closed, and other required reports requested by the department shall be submitted with a frequency determined by the department.
- f.* Audits of disaster case files, as well as cost management and expenditures, may be randomly performed by the department without notice.

11.23(2) *Contracting.* The administrative entity currently under contract for the Iowa disaster aid individual assistance grant program (IIAGP) shall receive an amended contract to specify administration of the IDCA program.

- a.* Future contract renewals shall be inclusive with the IIAGP and as amended to include the IDCA program.
 - b.* If a local contracted entity is under contract with the state to provide other services or is implementing a state or federal program and the contract contains a sufficient surety bond or other adequate financial responsibility provision, the department shall accept the existing surety bond or financial responsibility provisions in lieu of applying a new or additional surety bond or financial responsibility requirement.
 - c.* The contracted entity shall coordinate activities with emergency management coordinators and voluntary organizations active in the disaster while the program is active. The contracted entity may subcontract with other entities to provide disaster case advocacy with the approval of the department.
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