441—226.4(231) State plan on aging.

226.4(1) *Authority.* As the state unit on aging, the department will develop and administer a state plan on aging and any state plan amendments made pursuant to the federal Act; 45 CFR Parts 1321 and 1324 as amended to October 1, 2025; and Iowa Code chapter 231.

226.4(2) *Multiyear state plan on aging.* The department will develop and submit for approval a two-, three-, or four-year state plan on aging in compliance with the federal Act; 45 CFR 1321 and 1324 as amended to October 1, 2025; Iowa Code chapter 231; and the procedures, instructions, and guidance issued by the federal Administration on Aging.

226.4(3) *State plan amendment.* The department may, in its discretion, develop and submit to the federal Administration on Aging an amendment to the state plan on aging at any time. Each amendment will be processed pursuant to 45 CFR 1321.31 as follows:

a. Amendments requiring approval by the Assistant Secretary for Aging must follow the process outlined in subrule 226.4(4).

b. Amendments requiring notice only are not subject to subrule 226.4(4) unless otherwise required by law.

226.4(4) *State plan on aging and state plan amendment requiring approval review process.* Once the department develops the state plan on aging or state plan amendment requiring prior approval, the department will comply with the following chronological review and comment process:

a. The department will hold at least one public hearing on the proposed state plan or state plan amendment; and

b. The department will submit the state plan or state plan amendment to the council on health and human services for consideration. The council will make recommendations on the state plan or state plan amendment after reviewing the plan and public comments; and

c. The department will submit a state plan or state plan amendment to the governor or governor's designee for approval and signature; and

d. The department will submit a state plan or state plan amendment approved by the governor to the federal Administration on Aging for approval at least 45 days before the effective date of the state plan or state plan amendment.

226.4(5) *State plan on aging or state plan amendment not approved.* If a state plan or state plan amendment is not approved by the governor or governor's designee or the federal Administration on Aging, the department may, in its discretion, table or revise the proposed state plan or state plan amendment. If the department revises the proposed state plan or state plan amendment, the department will follow the comment and approval process outlined in subrule 226.4(4).

226.4(6) *Technical changes to state plan on aging.* The department or the governor may, at either party's discretion, make technical corrections to a submitted state plan or state plan amendment prior to approving it.

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