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Amend Senate File 2217, as amended, passed, and
    2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
3 #1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the
     4 following:
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                           DISABILITY SERVICES DATA>
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    7 #2.
   9 <Sec. ____. EMERGENCY RULES. The mental health, 10 mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and
   11 brain injury commission may adopt administrative rules
  12 under section 17A.4, subsection 2, and section 17A.5, 13 subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the 14 provisions of this division of this Act, and the rules
1 15 shall become effective immediately upon filing or on a 1 16 later effective date specified in the rules, unless 1 17 the effective date is delayed by the administrative
   18 rules review committee. Any rules adopted in
   19 accordance with this section shall not take effect
   20 before the rules are reviewed by the administrative
   21 rules review committee. The delay authority provided
1 22 to the administrative rules review committee under
   23 section 17A.4, subsection 5, and section 17A.8, 24 subsection 9, shall be applicable to a delay imposed
   25 under this section, notwithstanding a provision in
   26 those sections making them inapplicable to section 27 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b". Any rules adopted 28 in accordance with the provisions of this section
   29 shall also be published as notice of intended action
   30 as provided in section 17A.4.
                      _. USE OF CLIENT IDENTIFIER. The client
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   32 identifier established pursuant to section 225C.6A,
   33 subsection 2, paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), as 34 enacted by this division of this Act, shall be used
   35 beginning with the data for disability services
   36 provided in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005,
   37 that is submitted by counties in December 2006.> 38 #3. Page 1, by inserting after line 20 the
   39 following:
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                MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY == VEHICLE DISREGARD
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           Sec. ____. Section 249A.3, Code Supplement 2005, is
   43 amended by adding the following new subsection:
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  45 for adults under subsection 1, paragraphs "b", "e", 46 "h", "j", "k", "n", "s", and "t"; subsection 2, 47 paragraphs "d", "e", "h", "i", and "j"; and subsection 48 5, paragraph "b", one motor vehicle per household
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   49 shall be disregarded.>
   50 \pm 4. Page 1, by inserting after line 20 the
    1 following:
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                            ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS
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                                               217.41A ELECTRONIC HEALTH
                          NEW SECTION.
    5 RECORDS SYSTEM TASK FORCE.
           1. The department of human services shall
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    7 establish an electronic health records system task
    8 force to provide a structure that enables the state to
    9 act in a leadership role in the development of state
   10 and federal standards for and in the implementation 11 and use of an electronic health records system.
          2. The task force shall consist of no more than
   13 nine voting members, selected by the director of human
   14 services, who represent entities with expertise in 15 developing or implementing electronic health records,
   16 including but not limited to the United States
   17 veterans administration facilities in the state, 18 multifacility hospital systems in the state, Des
  19 Moines university, the university of Iowa hospitals 20 and clinics, and the Iowa healthcare collaborative. 21 In addition, two members of the senate appointed by
   22 the president of the senate after consultation with
2 23 the majority leader and the minority leader of the
2 24 senate, two members of the house of representatives
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25 appointed by the speaker of the house after 26 consultation with the majority leader and the minority 27 leader of the house of representatives, and the 28 commissioner of insurance shall serve as ex officio, 29 nonvoting members of the task force. 30 3. The task force shall do all of the following: 31 a. Develop an electronic health records system 32 that provides linkages between multiple settings that 33 utilize health records and that is consistent with 34 requirements for community health records and

35 electronic prescribing.
36 b. Evaluate the economic model and the anticipated 37 benefits of electronic health records.

38 c. Provide quarterly updates to the governor and 39 the general assembly regarding progress in the 40 development of national standards and the work of the 41 task force.>
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## <DIVISION IV

FOSTER PARENT TRAINING Section 237.5A, unnumbered paragraph 1, Sec. 47 Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

As a condition for initial licensure, each 49 individual licensee shall complete thirty hours of 50 foster parent training offered or approved by the 1 department. However, if the licensee has completed relevant training or has a combination of completed 3 relevant training and experience, and the department 4 deems such training or combination to be an acceptable equivalent to all or a portion of the initial 6 licensure training requirement, or based upon the 7 circumstances of the child and the licensee the 8 department finds there is other good cause, the 9 department may waive all or a portion of the training 3 10 requirement. Prior to annual renewal of licensure, 3 11 each individual licensee shall also complete six hours 12 of foster parent training. The training shall include 3 13 but is not limited to physical care, education,

3 14 learning disabilities, referral to and receipt of 3 15 necessary professional services, behavioral assessment 16 and modification, self=assessment, self=living skills, 17 and biological parent contact. An individual licensee 18 may complete the training as part of an approved 19 training program offered by a public or private agency 20 with expertise in the provision of child foster care 21 or in related subject areas. The department shall 22 adopt rules to implement and enforce this training 23 requirement.>

24 #6. Page 1, by inserting after line 20 the 25 following:

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## PREPARATION FOR ADULT LIVING PROGRAM Sec. NEW SECTION. 234.46 PREPARATION FOR 29 ADULT LIVING PROGRAM.

- 1. For the purposes of this section, "young adult" 31 means a person who is described by all of the 32 following conditions:
  - a. The person is a resident of this state.
- The person is age eighteen, nineteen, or 35 twenty.
- At the time the person became age eighteen, the 37 person received foster care services that were paid 38 for by the state under section 234.35 and the person 39 is no longer receiving such services.
- The person enters into and participates in an d. 41 individual self=sufficiency plan that complements the 42 person's own efforts for achieving self=sufficiency 43 and the plan provides for one or more of the 44 following:
- (1) The person attends an accredited school full= 46 time pursuing a course of study leading to a high 47 school diploma.
  - (2) The person attends an instructional program
- 49 leading to a high school equivalency diploma. 50 (3) The person is enrolled in or pursuing enrollment in a postsecondary education or training program or work training.
- The person is employed or seeking employment. The division shall establish a preparation for 5 adult living program directed to young adults. The

6 purpose of the program is to assist persons who are leaving foster care services at age eighteen or older 8 in making the transition to self=sufficiency. 4 9 department shall adopt rules necessary for 4 10 administration of the program, including but not 11 limited to eligibility criteria for young adult 12 participation and the services and other support 13 available under the program. The services and other 4 14 support available under the program may include but 4 15 are not limited to any of the following: 4 16 a. Support for the young adult continuing to 4 17 reside with the family that provided family foster 4 18 care to the young adult. 19 b. Support for a supervised apartment living 20 arrangement. 4 c. Support for participation in education, 4 21 4 22 training, or employment activities. 23 d. Other assistance to enhance the young adult's 24 ability to achieve self=sufficiency. This section shall not be construed as granting 25 3. 26 an entitlement for any program, services, or other 27 support for the persons described in this section. 28 Any state obligation to provide a program, services, 29 or other support pursuant to this section is limited 30 to the extent of the funds appropriated for the 31 purposes of the program. 32 Section 249A.3, subsection 2, Code Sec. \_ 32 Sec. \_\_\_\_. Section 249A.3, subsection 2, Code 33 Supplement 2005, is amended by adding the following 34 new paragraph: k. As allowed under 42 U.S.C. } 35 NEW PARAGRAPH. 36  $139\overline{6a(a)(10)(A)(ii)}(XVII)$ , individuals under twenty= 37 one years of age who were in foster care under the 38 responsibility of the state on the individuals' 39 eighteenth birthday, and whose income is less than two 40 hundred percent of the most recently revised official 41 poverty guidelines published by the United States 42 department of health and human services. Medical 4 43 assistance may be provided for an individual described 4 44 by this paragraph regardless of the individual's 4 45 resources.> 46 <u>#7.</u> Page 47 following: Page 1, by inserting after line 20 the 4 48 <DIVISION VI FAMILY SUPPORT SUBSIDY AND COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS 4 49 4 50 5 Section 216E.1, subsection 1, Code 2005, 5 is amended to read as follows: 1. "Assistive device" means any item, piece of 5 4 equipment, or product system which is purchased, or 5 5 5 whose transfer is accepted in this state, and which is 6 used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional 7 capabilities of individuals with disabilities 8 concerning a major life activity as defined in section 9 225C.46. "Assistive device" does not mean any medical 10 device, surgical device, or organ implanted or 5 11 transplanted into or attached directly to an 5 12 individual. "Assistive device" does not mean any 13 device for which a certificate of title is issued by 14 the state department of transportation but does mean 15 any item, piece of equipment, or product system 16 otherwise meeting the definition of "assistive device" 17 that is incorporated, attached, or included as a 18 modification in or to such a certificated device. 19 Sec. Section 216E.1, Code 2005, is amended by 20 adding the following new subsection: NEW SUBSECTION. 9A. "Major life activity" 2.1 5 22 includes functions such as caring for one's self, 23 performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, 24 speaking, breathing, learning, or working. 5 25 Sec. \_\_\_. Section 2250.5,, 5226.2005, is amended to read as follows: Section 225C.37, subsection 2, Code Verification that the family member meets the 28 definitional requirements of section 225C.35, 29 subsection 3. Along with the verification, the 30 application shall identify an age when the family 31 member's eligibility for the family support subsidy 5 32 under such definitional requirements will end. 33 age identified is subject to approval by the 34 department. 35 Section 225C.38, subsection 1, Sec. 5 36 paragraphs b and c, Code Supplement 2005, are amended

5 37 to read as follows: b. A family support subsidy shall be used to meet 5 39 the special needs of the family. This subsidy is 40 intended to complement but not supplant public 5 41 assistance or social service benefits based on 42 economic need, available through governmental programs 5 43 or other means available to the family.
5 44 c. Except as provided in section 225C.41, a family 5 45 support subsidy for a fiscal year shall be in an 5 46 amount equivalent to the monthly maximum supplemental security income payment available in Iowa on July 1 of 5 48 that fiscal year for an adult recipient living in the 5 49 household of another, as formulated under federal 50 regulations. In addition, the parent or legal 1 guardian of a family member who is in an out-of-home 2 placement at the time of application may receive a 3 one-time lump-sum advance payment of twice the monthly 4 family support subsidy amount for the purpose of 5 meeting the special needs of the family in preparing 6 6 for in-home care determined by the department in 6 7 consultation with the comprehensive family support 6 8 council created in section 225C.48. The parent or 9 legal guardian receiving a family support subsidy may 6 10 elect to receive a payment amount which is less than 11 the amount determined in accordance with this 6 12 paragraph. Section 225C.38, subsection 2, Code 6 13 Sec. 14 Supplement 2005, is amended by adding the following 6 15 new paragraph: 16 <u>NEW PARAGRAPH</u>. c. Unless there are exceptional 17 circumstances and the family requests and receives 18 approval from the department for an exception to 19 policy, a family is not eligible to receive the family 20 support subsidy if any of the following are applicable 21 to the family or the family member for whom the 22 application was submitted: 23 (1) The family member is a special needs child who 24 was adopted by the family and the family is receiving 25 financial assistance under section 600.17. 26 (2) Medical assistance home and community=based 27 waiver services are provided for the family member and 28 the family lives in a county in which comprehensive 29 family support program services are available. (3) Medical assistance home and community=based 6 31 waiver services are provided for the family member 32 under a consumer choices option. 6 33 Sec. \_\_\_\_. Section 225C.40, subsection 3, Code 34 2005, is amended to read as follows: 35 3. If an application for a family support subsidy 36 is denied, the family member end=of=eligibility age
37 identified in the application is not approved by the
38 department, or a family support subsidy is terminated 39 by the department, the parent or legal guardian of the 6 40 affected family member may request, in writing, a 41 hearing before an impartial hearing officer. Section 225C.41, unnumbered paragraph 2, 6 42 Sec. 6 42 Sec. \_\_\_\_. Section 2250.41, unnumbered 6 43 Code 2005, is amended to read as follows: 6 44 Notwithstanding section 8.33, funds remaining 6 45 unexpended on June 30 of any fiscal year shall not 6 46 revert to the general fund of the state but shall 6 47 remain available to provide family support subsidy 6 48 payments or to expand the comprehensive family support 6 49 program in the succeeding fiscal year. Section 225C.42, subsection 1, Code 6 50 Sec. 1 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows: 2 1. The department shall conduct a periodic an annual evaluation of the family support subsidy 4 program in conjunction with the comprehensive family 5 support council and shall submit the evaluation report 6 with recommendations to the governor and general 7 assembly. The report shall be submitted on or before 8 October 30 and provide an evaluation of the latest 9 completed fiscal year. Sec. \_\_\_\_. Section 225C.47, subsection 4, Code 10 11 2005, is amended to read as follows:
12 4. A family may apply to the department or to a 13 family support center developed pursuant to this
14 section for assistance under the comprehensive family 7 15 support program. The department or family support 7 16 center shall determine eligibility for the program in 7 17 accordance with the provisions of this section.

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Section 225C.47, subsection 5,
7 19 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2005, is amended to read
7 20 as follows:
          The department shall design the program in
  22 consultation with the personal assistance and
  23 <u>comprehensive</u> family support <del>services</del> council created 24 in section 225C.48. The department shall adopt rules
  25 to implement the program which provide for all of the
  26 following:
  27 Sec. ____. Section 225C.47, subsection 5, 28 e, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:
                         Section 225C.47, subsection 5, paragraph
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          e. A process is available to appeal the
  30 department's or family support center's decisions
  31 involving families which that apply for the 32 comprehensive family support program and are denied
  33 services and support under the comprehensive family 34 support program. The department shall make reasonable
  35 efforts to utilize telecommunications so that a family
  36 initiating an appeal may complete the appeal process
  37 in the family's local geographic area.

38 Sec. _____. Section 225C.47, subsection 5, paragraph

39 i, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:
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          i. The utilization of a voucher system for payment
  41 provisions for the <del>children-at-home</del> <u>family support</u> 42 center component of the program <u>developed</u> under
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         Sec. ___.
                         Section 225C.47, subsection 7, Code
7 45 2005, is amended to read as follows:
7 46 7. The comprehensive family support program shall
7 47 include a children-at-home family support center
7 48 component developed by the department in accordance 7 49 with this subsection. A family eligible for the
7 50 comprehensive family support program may choose the
  1 children-at-home component. Under the children-at-
2 home component, a family member of an individual with
  3 a disability shall be assisted by department staff a
    4 family support center in identifying the services and
   5 support to be provided to the family under the <u>family</u> 6 support subsidy program or the comprehensive family 7 support program. The identification of services and
   8 support shall be based upon the specific needs of the 9 individual and the individual's family which are not
8 10 met by other service programs available to the
8 11 individual and the individual's family. Based upon
8 12 the services and support identified, the department 8 13 shall develop a contract for direct payment of the
  14 services and support provided to the family.
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8 16 to read as follows:
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          225C.48 PERSONAL ASSISTANCE AND COMPREHENSIVE
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  18 FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES COUNCIL.
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          1. <u>a.</u> An eleven-member <del>personal assistance and</del>
8 20 <u>comprehensive</u> family support services council is
  21 created in the department. The members of the council
  22 shall be appointed by the following officials as 23 follows: governor, five members; majority leader of
  24 the senate, three members; and speaker of the house,
  25 three members. At least three of the governor's
  26 appointments and one of each legislative chamber's
  27 appointments shall be a family member of an individual
  28 with a disability as defined in section 225C.47. At
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  29 least five of the members shall be <u>current or</u>
  30 service consumers of personal services or family
  31 members of such service consumers. Members shall
8 32 serve for three=year staggered terms. A vacancy on 8 33 the council shall be filled in the same manner as the
8 34 original appointment.
  35 <u>b.</u> The members of the council <del>shall be</del> <u>are</u> 36 entitled to reimbursement of actual and necessary
  37 expenses incurred in the performance of their official
  38 duties. <u>In addition, the members who are current or</u>
   39 former service consumers or family members of such
8 40 service consumers are entitled to a stipend of fifty
8 41 dollars for each council meeting attended, subject to
8 42 a limit of one meeting per month. The expenses and 8 43 stipend shall be paid from the appropriation made for
8 44 purposes of the comprehensive family support program.
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               The council shall elect officers from among the
8 46 council's members.
         2. The council shall provide ongoing guidance,
8 48 advice, and direction to the department and other
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8 49 agencies working with the department in the
 8 50 development and implementation of the personal
    1 assistance services family support subsidy program 2 created in section 225C.46 225C.36 and the 3 comprehensive family support program created in
    4 section 225C.47. The council shall perform an annual
    5 evaluation of each program, and annually make
    6 recommendations concerning each program to the
    7 governor and general assembly. The evaluation and
    8 recommendations shall be prepared and submitted in
    9 conjunction with the evaluation report submitted by
 9 10 the department pursuant to section 225C.42.
 9 11 department shall provide sufficient staff support to
 9 12 the council to enable the council to carry out its
 9 13 responsibilities.
          3. The council shall perform the following duties
   15 in consultation with the department and any department
   16 staff with duties associated with the personal
   17 assistance services family support subsidy and
 9 18 comprehensive family support programs:
          a. Oversee the operations of the programs.b. Coordinate with the department of education and
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   21 programs administered by the department of education
   22 to individuals with a disability, in providing
   23 information to individuals and families eligible for
   24 the programs under sections 225C.46 and 225C.47.
          c. Work with the department and counties regarding
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   26 managed care provisions utilized by the department and
   27 counties for services to individuals with a disability
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   28 to advocate the inclusion of personal assistance
   29 services family support subsidy and the comprehensive
 9 30 family support \frac{program}{programs} as approved service
   31 provisions under managed care.
         d. Develop and oversee implementation of
   33 evaluation processes for the programs.
        e. Oversee statewide training of department and
      family support center staff regarding the two
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   36 programs.
         f. Oversee efforts to promote public awareness of
 9 38 the programs.
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         4. The department shall consider recommendations
   40 from the council in developing and implementing each
   41 program, including the development of administrative
42 rules. The department shall regularly report to the
43 council on the status of each program and any actions
 9 44 planned or taken by the department related to each
 9 45 program.
 9 46 Sec. ____. Section 225C.49, subsection 3, 9 47 b, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:
                       Section 225C.49, subsection 3, paragraph
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          b. Utilize internal training resources or contract
   49 for additional training of staff concerning the
   50 information under paragraph "a" and training of
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   1 families and individuals as necessary to develop plans
    2 and contracts implement the family support subsidy and 3 comprehensive family support programs under sections
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       225C.46 and 225C.47 this chapter.
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                       Section 225C.49, subsection 4, Code
    6 2005, is amended to read as follows:
7 4. The department shall designate one individual
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    8 whose sole duties are to provide central coordination
      of the programs under sections 225C.46 225C.36 and
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10 10 225C.47 and to work with the personal assistance and
10 11 comprehensive family support services council to
10 12 oversee development and implementation of the
10 13 programs.
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                       Section 422.11E, subsection 4, paragraph
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10 15 b, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:
10 16 b. "Disability" means the same as defined in 10 17 section 225C.46 15.102 except that it does not include
   <u>18 alcoholism</u>.
10 19 Sec. ___. Section 422.33, subsection 9, paragraph 10 20 c, subparagraph (2), Code Supplement 2005, is amended
10 21 to read as follows:
10 22 (2) "Disability" means the same as defined in 10 23 section 225C.46 15.102, except that it does not 10 24 include alcoholism.
          Sec. ___. Section 225C.46, Code 2005, is repealed.
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                       CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor
       shall revise the headnote to section 225C.42 to change
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10 28 the word "periodic" to "annual".
          Sec. ____. TRANSITION PROVISIONS == EFFECTIVE DATE.
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If a family that adopted a special needs child 10 31 receives the family support subsidy under section 10 32 225C.38 and also receives financial assistance under 10 33 section 600.17 for the same child as of July 1, 2006, 10 34 the department of human services shall provide notice 10 35 to the family that effective January 1, 2007, the 10 36 family will no longer be eligible for the family 10 support subsidy. The department shall notify the 10 38 families affected by this subsection on before July 1, 10 39 2006. This subsection, being deemed of immediate 10 40 importance, takes effect upon enactment.
10 41 2. If a family that receives the family support 10 42 subsidy under section 225C.38 as of July 1, 2006, also 10 43 receives medical assistance home and community=based 10 44 waiver services and lives in a county in which the 10 45 comprehensive family support program services are 10 46 available, effective January 1, 2007, the family is 10 47 not eligible to receive the family support subsidy. 10 48 The department of human services shall notify the 10 49 families affected by this subsection on or before July 10 50 1, 2006. This subsection, being deemed of immediate 1 importance, takes effect upon enactment.
2 3. a. The provision of this division of this Act 11 11 11 3 enacting section 225C.38, subsection 2, paragraph "c", 11 4 subparagraph (3), relating to medical assistance home 11 5 and community=based waiver services provided under a 11 6 consumer choices option, is contingent upon receipt of 11 federal approval of a waiver authorizing utilization 11 8 of the consumer choices option. The department of 9 human services shall notify the Code editor regarding 11 11 10 the receipt of the federal approval and the 11 11 implementation date. 11 12 b. A family receiving family support services that 11 13 also receives medical assistance home and community= 11 14 based waiver services and resides in an area in which 11 15 the consumer choices option is available under the 11 16 waiver is ineligible to receive the family support 11 17 subsidy. The department shall notify a family 11 18 affected by this subsection six months prior to 11 19 terminating the family support subsidy. 11 20 c. This subsection, being deemed of immediate 11 21 importance, takes effect upon enactment. 11 22 4. Any savings generated by the requirements of 11 23 this section and the program changes implemented 11 24 pursuant to this Act during the fiscal year beginning 11 25 July 1, 2006, shall be used by the department of human 11 26 services to provide eligibility for families on the 27 waiting list for the family support subsidy program. 11 28 If the waiting list is eliminated, any remaining funds 11 29 shall be used to expand the comprehensive family 11 30 support program during that fiscal year.>

31 #8. Page 1, by inserting after line 20 the 11 32 following:

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INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

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\_. Section 125.82, subsection 3, Code 2005, 11 36 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2362, 11 37 section 1, if enacted, is amended to read as follows: 11 38 3. The person who filed the application and a 11 39 <u>licensed</u> physician or <u>qualified mental health</u> 11 40 professional <u>as defined in section 229.1</u> who has 11 41 examined the respondent in connection with the 11 42 commitment hearing shall be present at the hearing, 11 43 unless prior to the hearing the court for good cause 11 44 finds that their presence or testimony is not 11 45 necessary. The applicant, respondent, and the 11 46 respondent's attorney may waive the presence or 11 47 telephonic appearance of the <u>licensed</u> physician or 11 48 <u>qualified mental health</u> professional who examined the 11 49 respondent and agree to submit as evidence the written 11 50 report of the <u>licensed</u> physician or <u>qualified mental</u> 1 health professional. The respondent's attorney shall 2 inform the court if the respondent's attorney 3 reasonably believes that the respondent, due to

4 diminished capacity, cannot make an adequately 5 considered waiver decision. "Good cause" for f. 6 that the testimony of the <u>licensed</u> physician or "Good cause" for finding

12 7 <u>qualified mental health</u> professional who examined the 8 respondent is not necessary may include, but is not 9 limited to, such a waiver. If the court determines 12

12 10 that the testimony of the <u>licensed</u> physician or

12 11  $\underline{\text{qualified mental health}}$  professional is necessary, the 12 12 court may allow the  $\underline{\text{licensed}}$  physician or  $\underline{\text{qualified}}$ 13 mental health professional to testify by telephone. 12 14 The respondent shall be present at the hearing unless 12 15 prior to the hearing the respondent's attorney 12 16 stipulates in writing that the attorney has conversed 12 17 with the respondent, and that in the attorney's 12 18 judgment the respondent cannot make a meaningful 12 19 contribution to the hearing, or that the respondent 12 20 has waived the right to be present, and the basis for 12 21 the attorney's conclusions. A stipulation to the 12 22 respondent's absence shall be reviewed by the court 12 23 before the hearing, and may be rejected if it appears 12 24 that insufficient grounds are stated or that the 12 25 respondent's interests would not be served by the 12 26 respondent's absence. 12 27 Section 229.12, subsection 3, Code 2005, Sec. 12 28 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2362, 12 29 section 3, if enacted is amended to read as follows: 12 30 3. The respondent's welfare shall be paramount and 31 the hearing shall be conducted in as informal a manner 12 32 as may be consistent with orderly procedure, but 12 33 consistent therewith the issue shall be tried as a 12 34 civil matter. Such discovery as is permitted under 12 35 the Iowa rules of civil procedure shall be available 12 36 to the respondent. The court shall receive all 12 37 relevant and material evidence which may be offered 12 38 and need not be bound by the rules of evidence. The 12 39 shall be a presumption in favor of the respondent, and 12 40 the burden of evidence in support of the contentions 12 41 made in the application shall be upon the applicant. 12 42 The <u>licensed</u> physician or <u>qualified mental health</u> 12 43 professional who examined the respondent shall be 12 44 present at the hearing unless prior to the hearing the 12 45 court for good cause finds that the <u>licensed</u> 12 46 physician's or <u>qualified mental health</u> professional's 12 47 presence or testimony is not necessary. The 12 48 applicant, respondent, and the respondent's attorney 12 49 may waive the presence or the telephonic appearance of 12 50 the <u>licensed</u> physician or <u>qualified mental health</u>
13 1 professional who examined the respondent and agree to
13 2 submit as evidence the written report of the <u>licensed</u> 13 3 physician or <u>qualified mental health</u> professional. 13 4 The respondent's attorney shall inform the court if 13 5 the respondent's attorney reasonably believes that the 6 respondent, due to diminished capacity, cannot make an 7 adequately considered waiver decision. "Good cause" 8 for finding that the testimony of the <u>licensed</u> 9 physician or <u>qualified mental health</u> professional who 13 13 10 examined the respondent is not necessary may include, 13 11 but is not limited to, such a waiver. If the court 13 12 determines that the testimony of the <a href="licensed">licensed</a> 13 13 physician or <a href="qualified mental health">qualified mental health</a> professional is 13 14 necessary, the court may allow the <u>licensed</u> physician 13 15 or the qualified mental health professional to testify 13 16 by telephone. If upon completion of the hearing the 13 17 court finds that the contention that the respondent is 13 18 seriously mentally impaired has not been sustained by 13 19 clear and convincing evidence, it shall deny the 13 20 application and terminate the proceeding.> 13 21 #9. Title page, by striking line 1 and inserting 13 22 the following: <An Act relating to health and human 13 23 services programs and procedures involving>. 13 24  $\pm 10$ . Title page, line 4, by inserting after the 13 25 word <data> the following: <, medical assistance 13 26 program eligibility, creation of an electronic health 13 27 records system task force, foster parent training, 13 28 young adults transitioning from foster care, and 13 29 persons with a developmental disability or other 13 30 special need and the person's families>. 13 31 <u>#11</u>. Title page, line 4, by inserting after the 13 32 word <data> the following: <, and involuntary 13 33 hospitalization proceedings>. 13 34 <u>#12</u>. By renumbering, relettering, or redesignating 13 35 and correcting internal references as necessary. 13 36 SF 2217.H 13 37 jp/es/25