



MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING

The Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS) Commission met on Thursday, October 20, 2016. The Commission approved Autism Support Program administrative rules that will now move on to the Administrative Rules Review Committee. The Commission also reviewed, discussed concerns regarding, and approved an annual report on Medicaid managed care. [House File 2460](#) (FY 2017 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act) requires the Commission to submit an executive summary of pertinent information regarding its deliberations during the prior year relating to Medicaid managed care to the Department of Human Services (DHS) no later than November 15, annually. The DHS will include that information in an annual report that is submitted to the General Assembly no later than December 15, annually.

The second half of the Commission meeting was a joint meeting with the Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council. The Commission and the Council received an update and had a general discussion on mental health redesign with DHS Director Chuck Palmer. [HF 2460](#) requires the DHS to review and report the progress of the implementation of the Adult Mental Health and Disability Services System redesign to the Governor and General Assembly by November 15, 2016. The Commission and the Council also discussed legislative recommendations that will be approved and submitted at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the MHDS Commission will be held on December 1, 2016, at Polk County River Place. For more information on the Commission, please visit its website: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/about/mhds-advisory-groups/commission>.

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