
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2027

Fiscal Services Division

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Accountability, Compliance, and Program Integrity

Purpose and History

The Accountability, Compliance, and Program Integrity appropriation provides funding for accountability, compliance, and program integrity related to salaries, support, and maintenance under the authority of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Compliance and Administration Division of the HHS oversees the areas of finance, performance, transformation, information technology, operations deputy, legal operations, contracts and data, internal controls and accountability, human resources, general business services, and cannabis regulation.

Programs and Activities

The following programs are funded by the Accountability, Compliance, and Program Integrity appropriation:

- [Court Appointed Special Advocate \(CASA\) Program](#): The CASA program is a volunteer program intended to support and advocate for children who currently have a case in the Child Welfare System. Volunteers are given comprehensive training and assigned individual cases while being overseen by a coach and a CASA coordinator. The CASA program is affiliated with the National Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem Association for Children.
- [Foster Care Review Boards \(FCRB\)](#): Legislation authorizing the FCRB program was signed into law in July 1984 to provide for independent third-party citizen review of cases in the foster care system. Not all counties in Iowa have a review board; some counties have more than one active board, and some boards review cases from multiple counties. Local boards meet monthly or bimonthly to review the status of children who have been removed from parental custody, while offering recommendations to overcome challenges and identifying systemic barriers to achieving timely permanency.
- [Iowa Achieving a Better Life Experience \(ABLE\) Savings Plan Trust](#): The Iowa ABLE Savings Plan Trust is Iowa's dedicated ABLE program for savings and investment accounts for eligible individuals with disabilities for the purpose of financing qualified disability expenses. ABLE saving plans were established by the federal [Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014](#).
- [Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman](#): Iowa's Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman is responsible under both federal and Iowa law for advocating for residents and tenants of long-term care facilities, including nursing facilities, residential care facilities, assisted living programs, and elder group homes. The Office has eight Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, with each Ombudsman covering a different area of the State.

More Information

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The Office is responsible for the following:

- Resolving complaints made by or on behalf of residents of long-term care facilities.
- Educating consumers and long-term care providers about resident rights.
- Promoting community involvement through volunteer opportunities.
- Providing information to the public on nursing homes and other long-term care facilities and services, resident rights, and legislative and policy issues.
- Advocating for resident rights and quality care in nursing homes, residential care facilities, and assisted living programs.
- Promoting the development of citizen organizations, family councils, and resident councils.

Funding

The programs under the Compliance and Administration Division of the HHS receive an annual appropriation from the General Fund, in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act. The Division also receives revenue from federal funds and fees.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code sections [231.41](#), [231.42](#), [231.44](#), [231.45](#), [237.16](#), and [237.19](#)

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