



STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

May 27, 2025

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

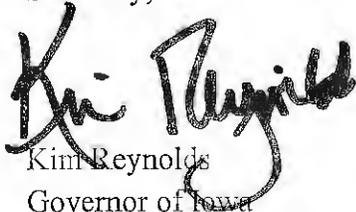
Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 933, an Act relating to pediatric palliative care centers, and including effective date provisions.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,


Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 933

AN ACT
RELATING TO PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE CENTERS, AND INCLUDING
EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known as "Mason's Law".

Sec. 2. Section 135C.1, Code 2025, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 16A. "*Pediatric palliative care patient*" means an individual described by all of the following:

- a. The individual is under twenty-one years of age.

b. The individual has been diagnosed with a chronic, complex, life-threatening illness that is expected to shorten the individual's life expectancy.

c. The individual is not expected to survive past twenty-one years of age.

Sec. 3. Section 135C.2, Code 2025, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

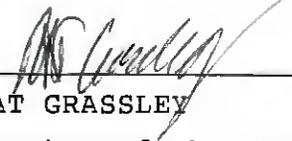
NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. The department shall establish a special classification within the residential care facility category for residential care facilities which have the primary purpose of serving pediatric palliative care patients and that only provides respite care services and the services of a hospice program as defined in section 135J.1. A facility within the special classification established pursuant to this subsection shall be exempt from section 10A.713. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A which shall include but not be limited to all of the following:

a. A residential care facility within the special classification established pursuant to this subsection may be referred to as a pediatric palliative care center.

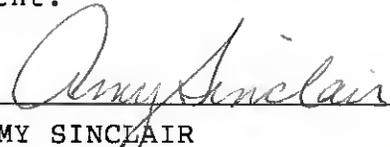
b. A licensed residential care facility within the special classification established pursuant to this subsection shall be eligible for funding available to hospice programs licensed under chapter 135J, and licensed residential care facilities that treat individuals with an illness or disability, including but not limited to funding from the federal social services block grant, the state supplementary assistance program, the hospice respite benefit, home and community-based services waivers, any funding source under chapter 249A, and any benefit a nursing facility may be eligible for related to respite care services.

Sec. 4. **EMERGENCY RULES.** The department of health and human services may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of this Act and the rules shall be effective immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section shall also be published as a notice of intended action as provided in section 17A.4.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

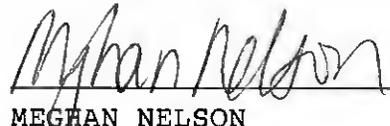


PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



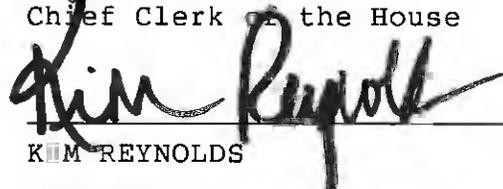
AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 933, Ninety-first General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 27th, 2025



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor