

**Senate File 2483 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2483  
BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3192)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations to the department  
2 of veterans affairs and the department of health and human  
3 services, including aging and disability services, behavioral  
4 health, public health, and community access and eligibility;  
5 the medical assistance program, state supplementary  
6 assistance, Hawki, and other health-related programs; family  
7 well-being and protection; state-operated specialty care;  
8 administration and compliance; prior appropriations; child  
9 welfare and juvenile justice decategorization; commitment or  
10 hospitalization of certain persons with mental illness or  
11 substance abuse disorders; child abuse prevention; creation  
12 of a comprehensive family support program; and repeal of  
13 expenditure projections for state child care assistance and  
14 adoption subsidy programs; and including effective date and  
15 retroactive applicability provisions.

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

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DIVISION I

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS — FY 2026-2027

Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of veterans affairs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 1,369,205

2. IOWA VETERANS HOME

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 8,145,736

a. The Iowa veterans home billings involving the department of health and human services shall be submitted to the department on at least a monthly basis.

b. The Iowa veterans home expenditure report shall be submitted monthly to the general assembly.

3. HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For transfer to the Iowa finance authority for the continuation of the home ownership assistance program for persons who are or were eligible members of the armed forces of the United States or eligible service members pursuant to section 16.54:

..... \$ 2,200,000

DIVISION II

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES — FY 2026-2027

Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of health and human services for

1 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,  
2 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
3 used for the purposes designated:

4 For aging programs for the department of health and human  
5 services and area agencies on aging to provide citizens of Iowa  
6 who are 60 years of age and older with case management; for  
7 Iowa's aging and disabilities resource centers; for the return to  
8 community program; for the purposes of chapter 231E; to  
9 administer the prevention of elder abuse, neglect, and  
10 exploitation program pursuant to section 231.56A, in accordance  
11 with the requirements of the federal Older Americans Act of 1965,  
12 42 U.S.C. §3001 et seq., as amended; for the operation of the  
13 dependent adult abuse services program pursuant to chapter 235B;  
14 for matching funding for programs to enable persons with severe  
15 physical or mental disabilities to function more independently;  
16 for costs associated with centers for independent living; and for  
17 other services which may include but are not limited to adult day  
18 care, respite care, chore, information and assistance, and  
19 material aid; for information and options counseling for persons  
20 with disabilities; and for salaries, support, administration,  
21 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

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23 ..... \$ 19,379,531

24 1. Moneys appropriated in this section may be used to  
25 supplement federal moneys received under federal regulations. To  
26 receive moneys appropriated in this section, a local area agency  
27 on aging shall match the moneys with moneys from other sources  
28 according to rules adopted by the department. Moneys  
29 appropriated in this section may be used for services not  
30 specifically enumerated in this section only if approved by the  
31 department as part of an area agency on aging's area plan.

32 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$949,282 is  
33 allocated to be used for the comprehensive family support program  
34 created in section 231.80 as enacted under this Act.

35 3. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$33,632 is

1 allocated to be used to build community capacity through the  
2 coordination and provision of training opportunities in  
3 accordance with the consent decree of Conner v. Branstad, No.  
4 4-86-CV-30871 (S.D. Iowa, July 15, 1994).

5 DIVISION III

6 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH — FY 2026-2027

7 Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — BEHAVIORAL  
8 HEALTH. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
9 to the department of health and human services for the fiscal  
10 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the  
11 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used  
12 for the purposes designated:

13 For behavioral health prevention, education, early  
14 intervention, treatment, recovery support, and crisis services in  
15 order to support statewide access to treatment for behavioral  
16 health conditions; stabilization and mitigation of behavioral  
17 health crises; and recovery for individuals and families impacted  
18 by behavioral health conditions. Activities shall align with  
19 accepted best practice guidance standards for behavioral health  
20 including those published by the centers for disease control and  
21 prevention of the United States department of health and human  
22 services, and the substance abuse and mental health services  
23 administration of the United States department of health and  
24 human services, for health promotion; universal, selective, and  
25 indicated prevention; treatment; and recovery services and  
26 supports; and shall include a 24-hour helpline, public  
27 information resources, professional training, youth prevention,  
28 program evaluation, and efforts at the state and local levels:

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30 ..... \$ 23,127,121

31 1. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$300,000 is  
32 allocated to support the work of the children’s behavioral health  
33 system including evidence-based behavioral health prevention,  
34 treatment, and recovery services and supports for children and  
35 their families.

1 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$950,000 is  
2 allocated for an integrated substance use disorder managed care  
3 system. The department shall maintain the level of mental health  
4 and substance use disorder treatment services provided by the  
5 managed care contractors, and shall take the steps necessary to  
6 continue the federal waivers as needed to maintain the level of  
7 services.

8 Sec. 4. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — SPORTS  
9 WAGERING RECEIPTS FUND. There is appropriated from the sports  
10 wagering receipts fund created in section 8.57I, to the  
11 department of health and human services for the fiscal year  
12 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following  
13 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for  
14 behavioral health prevention, education, early intervention,  
15 treatment, recovery support, and crisis services in order to  
16 support statewide access to treatment for behavioral health  
17 conditions; stabilization and mitigation of behavioral health  
18 crises; and recovery for individuals and families impacted by  
19 behavioral health conditions:

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21 ..... \$ 1,750,000

22 DIVISION IV

23 PUBLIC HEALTH — FY 2026-2027

24 Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — PUBLIC  
25 HEALTH. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
26 to the department of health and human services for the fiscal  
27 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the  
28 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used  
29 for the purposes designated:

30 For programs that support health promotion, protect the health  
31 and safety of the public, conduct disease surveillance and  
32 investigation to reduce the incidence of morbidity and mortality,  
33 serve individuals with chronic conditions including but not  
34 limited to cancer, support the Iowa donor registry as specified  
35 in section 142C.18, and strengthen the health care delivery

1 system and workforce to improve health outcomes for all Iowans:

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3 ..... \$ 21,833,369

4 1. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, the following  
5 amounts are allocated to the department of health and human  
6 services to be used as follows to support the goals of increased  
7 access, health system integration, and engagement:

8 a. \$600,000 for distribution to a nonprofit organization that  
9 established the first statewide drug donation repository for  
10 continuation of the pharmaceutical infrastructure for safety net  
11 providers established as described in 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter  
12 218, section 108, and for the prescription drug donation  
13 repository program established in chapter 135M. Moneys under this  
14 paragraph shall be distributed in their entirety on July 1, 2026,  
15 for the purpose specified.

16 b. \$374,000 for distribution to free clinics, as defined in  
17 section 135.24, and a nonprofit organization that facilitates the  
18 initiation, operation, and collaboration of free clinics for  
19 necessary infrastructure, statewide coordination, provider  
20 recruitment, service delivery, and provision of assistance to  
21 patients in securing a medical home inclusive of oral health  
22 care. Of the moneys allocated, \$40,000 shall be used to lower  
23 fees associated with using an electronic prescribing system.  
24 Moneys under this paragraph shall be distributed in their  
25 entirety on July 1, 2026, for the purpose specified.

26 c. \$25,000 for distribution to an organization that raises  
27 awareness about issues related to rural health clinics for  
28 necessary infrastructure and service delivery transformation.  
29 Moneys under this paragraph shall be distributed in their  
30 entirety on July 1, 2026, for the purpose specified.

31 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$400,000 is  
32 allocated for rural psychiatric residencies for residents  
33 selected on or before June 30, 2026.

34 3. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$20,000 is  
35 allocated to make radon test kits available, free of charge, to

1 homeowners and renters in the state. The department shall  
2 provide a link on the department's internet site for homeowners  
3 and renters in the state to order radon test kits.

4 4. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$2,500,000 is  
5 allocated for Medicaid graduate medical education efforts and  
6 consistent with the purpose of the department's request for  
7 approval to the centers of Medicare and Medicaid services of the  
8 United States department of health and human services for a  
9 Medicaid supplemental enhanced payment for the purposes of  
10 maximizing federal funding opportunities for graduate medical  
11 education as described in 2025 Iowa Acts, chapter 120, section  
12 13.

13 5. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics under the  
14 control of the state board of regents shall not receive indirect  
15 costs from the moneys appropriated in this section. The  
16 university of Iowa hospitals and clinics billings to the  
17 department shall be, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis.

18 DIVISION V

19 COMMUNITY ACCESS AND ELIGIBILITY — CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES —  
20 TANF — FY 2026-2027

21 Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — COMMUNITY  
22 ACCESS AND ELIGIBILITY. There is appropriated from the general  
23 fund of the state to the department of health and human services  
24 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,  
25 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
26 to be used for the purposes designated:

27 To be used for salaries, support, maintenance, and  
28 miscellaneous purposes and for family investment program (FIP)  
29 assistance in accordance with chapter 239B, and for other costs  
30 associated with providing needs-based benefits or assistance  
31 including but not limited to maternal and child health, oral  
32 health, obesity prevention, the promoting independence and  
33 self-sufficiency through employment, job opportunities and the  
34 basic skills (PROMISE JOBS) program, supplemental nutrition  
35 assistance program (SNAP) employment and training, the FIP

1 diversion program, family planning, rent reimbursement, and  
2 eligibility determinations for medical assistance, food  
3 assistance, and the children's health insurance program:

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5 ..... \$ 76,312,642

6 1. Of the child support collections assigned under FIP, the  
7 federal share of the child support collections shall be credited  
8 to the child support services appropriation made in this division  
9 of this Act. Of the remainder of the child support collections  
10 assigned under FIP, a portion shall be credited to community  
11 access and eligibility, and the remaining moneys may be used to  
12 increase recoveries, to sustain cash flow in the collection  
13 services center refund account as provided in section 252B.13A,  
14 or for technology needs. If child support collections assigned  
15 under FIP are greater than estimated or are otherwise determined  
16 not to be required for maintenance of efforts, the state share of  
17 either amount is appropriated to the department for child support  
18 services as described in this division of this Act, or may be  
19 transferred to or retained in the collection services center  
20 refund account.

21 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$3,075,000 is  
22 allocated for continuation of the department's initiative to  
23 provide for adequate developmental surveillance and screening  
24 during a child's first five years. The moneys shall first be  
25 used to fully fund the current participating counties to ensure  
26 that those counties are fully operational, with the remaining  
27 moneys to be used for expanding participation to additional  
28 counties. Full implementation and expansion shall include  
29 enhancing the scope of the initiative through collaboration with  
30 child health specialty clinics to promote the use of  
31 developmental surveillance and screening to support healthy child  
32 development through early identification and response to  
33 biomedical and social determinants of healthy development by  
34 providing practitioner consultation and continuous improvement  
35 through training and education, particularly for children with

1 behavioral conditions and needs. The department shall also  
2 collaborate with the Medicaid program and child health specialty  
3 clinics to assist in coordinating the activities of the first  
4 five initiative into the establishment of patient-centered  
5 medical homes developed to improve health quality and population  
6 health while reducing health care costs. To the maximum extent  
7 possible, moneys allocated in this subsection shall be utilized  
8 as matching moneys for Medicaid program reimbursement.

9 3. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$1,145,102 is  
10 allocated to the Iowa commission on volunteer service created in  
11 section 15H.2 for programs and grants.

12 4. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics under the  
13 control of the state board of regents shall not receive indirect  
14 costs from the moneys appropriated in this section. The  
15 university of Iowa hospitals and clinics billings to the  
16 department shall be, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis.

17 Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — CHILD  
18 SUPPORT SERVICES. There is appropriated from the general fund of  
19 the state to the department of health and human services for the  
20 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the  
21 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used  
22 for the purposes designated:

23 For child support services, including salaries, support,  
24 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

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26 ..... \$ 15,644,114

27 1. Federal access and visitation grant moneys shall be used  
28 for services designed to increase compliance with the child  
29 access provisions of court orders, including but not limited to  
30 neutral visitation sites and mediation services.

31 2. Moneys appropriated in this section may be used throughout  
32 the fiscal year in the manner necessary for cash flow management.  
33 For cash flow management under this subsection, the department  
34 may temporarily draw more than the amount appropriated provided  
35 the amount appropriated is not exceeded at the close of the

1 fiscal year.

2 Sec. 8. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — TEMPORARY  
3 ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT. There is appropriated  
4 from the special fund created in section 8.41 to the department  
5 of health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July  
6 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, from moneys received under the  
7 federal temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) block  
8 grant pursuant to the federal Personal Responsibility and Work  
9 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-193, and  
10 successor legislation, including TANF block grant moneys received  
11 in any prior fiscal year that were deposited in the special fund  
12 and remain unencumbered or unobligated on June 30, 2026, the  
13 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used  
14 for the purposes designated:

15 1. For community access and eligibility:

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17 ..... \$ 12,566,312

18 2. For community access and eligibility to provide pregnancy  
19 prevention grants on the condition that family planning services  
20 are funded:

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22 ..... \$ 1,913,203

23 Pregnancy prevention grants shall be awarded to programs in  
24 existence on or before July 1, 2026, if the programs have  
25 demonstrated positive outcomes. Grants shall be awarded to  
26 pregnancy prevention programs developed after July 1, 2026, if  
27 the programs are based on existing models that have demonstrated  
28 positive outcomes. Grants must comply with the requirements  
29 provided in 1997 Iowa Acts, chapter 208, section 14, subsections  
30 1 and 2, including the requirement that a program awarded a grant  
31 must emphasize sexual abstinence. Priority in awarding grants  
32 shall be given to programs that serve areas of the state which  
33 demonstrate the highest percentage of unplanned pregnancies of  
34 females of childbearing age within the geographic area to be  
35 served by the grant.

1 3. To meet one of the four purposes of TANF as specified in  
2 45 C.F.R. §260.20, including by modernizing the program to  
3 promote economic mobility and self-sufficiency, ensuring that  
4 families are able to overcome benefit cliffs, encouraging healthy  
5 families, and streamlining service delivery to reduce  
6 duplication:

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8 ..... \$ 25,000,000

9 4. For early intervention and supports for child abuse  
10 prevention and the family development and self-sufficiency  
11 (FaDSS) grant program in accordance with section 216A.107:

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13 ..... \$ 3,013,980

14 5. For accountability, compliance, program integrity,  
15 technology needs, and other resources necessary to meet federal  
16 and state reporting, tracking, and case management requirements,  
17 and other departmental needs:

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19 ..... \$ 3,533,647

20 6. For state child care assistance:

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22 ..... \$ 42,281,826

23 7. For child protective services:

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25 ..... \$ 67,249,100

26 a. Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection, \$1,658,000  
27 shall be allocated for child protection centers located in Iowa  
28 pursuant to the child protection center grant program under  
29 section 135.118. The grant amounts under the program shall be  
30 equalized so that each center receives a uniform base amount of  
31 \$245,000, and the remaining moneys are awarded through a funding  
32 formula based upon the volume of children served by a center. To  
33 increase access to child protection center services for children  
34 in rural areas, the funding formula for awarding the remaining  
35 moneys shall provide for awarding an enhanced amount to eligible

1 grantees to develop and maintain satellite centers in underserved  
2 regions of the state.

3 b. Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection, up to  
4 \$227,000 shall be used for the public purpose of continuing a  
5 grant to a nonprofit human services organization that provides  
6 services to individuals and families in multiple locations in  
7 southwest Iowa and Nebraska, for support of a project providing  
8 immediate, sensitive support and forensic interviews, medical  
9 exams, needs assessments, and referrals for victims of child  
10 abuse and their nonoffending family members.

11 DIVISION VI

12 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — STATE SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE —  
13 HEALTHY AND WELL KIDS IN IOWA PROGRAM AND OTHER HEALTH-RELATED  
14 PROGRAMS — FY 2026-2027

15 Sec. 9. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — MEDICAL  
16 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, STATE SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE, AND HEALTHY  
17 AND WELL KIDS IN IOWA PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the  
18 general fund of the state to the department of health and human  
19 services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending  
20 June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is  
21 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

22 For medical assistance program reimbursement and associated  
23 costs as specifically provided in the reimbursement methodologies  
24 in effect on June 30, 2026, except as otherwise expressly  
25 authorized by law, consistent with options under federal law and  
26 regulations, and contingent upon receipt of approval from the  
27 office of the governor of reimbursement for each abortion  
28 performed under the medical assistance program; for the state  
29 supplementary assistance program; for the health insurance  
30 premium payment program; and for maintenance of the healthy and  
31 well kids in Iowa (Hawki) program pursuant to chapter 514I,  
32 including supplemental dental services, for receipt of federal  
33 financial participation under Tit. XXI of the federal Social  
34 Security Act, which creates the children's health insurance  
35 program; and for other specified health-related programs:

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2 ..... \$1,992,550,706

3 1. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$3,383,880  
4 shall be used for program administration, outreach, and  
5 enrollment activities of the state family planning services  
6 program pursuant to section 217.41B, and of this amount, the  
7 department may use up to \$200,000 for administrative expenses.

8 2. Iowans support reducing the number of abortions performed  
9 in this state. Moneys appropriated under this section shall not  
10 be used for abortions, unless otherwise authorized under this  
11 section.

12 3. The provisions of this section relating to abortions also  
13 apply to the Iowa health and wellness plan established pursuant  
14 to chapter 249N.

15 Sec. 10. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — HEALTH  
16 PROGRAM OPERATIONS. There is appropriated from the general fund  
17 of the state to the department of health and human services for  
18 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,  
19 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
20 used for the purposes designated:

21 For health program operations and the autism support program  
22 under section 225D.2:

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24 ..... \$ 39,672,433

25 1. The department of inspections, appeals, and licensing  
26 shall provide all state matching moneys for survey and  
27 certification activities performed by the department of  
28 inspections, appeals, and licensing. The department of health  
29 and human services shall be solely responsible for distributing  
30 the federal matching moneys for such activities.

31 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, a sufficient  
32 amount is allocated for the administration of the health  
33 insurance premium payment program, including salaries, support,  
34 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes.

35 3. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$750,000 is

1 allocated for a nonprofit organization that provides access to  
2 emergency poison information and treatment. Pursuant to the  
3 directive under 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1140, section 102, the  
4 federal matching moneys available to the nonprofit organization  
5 from the department under the federal Children's Health Insurance  
6 Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 shall be subject to the  
7 federal administrative cap rule of 10 percent applicable to  
8 moneys provided under Tit. XXI of the federal Social Security  
9 Act, and shall be included in the department's calculations of  
10 the cap.

11 4. Unless otherwise provided by law, if a contract for  
12 services provided under this section initially entered into  
13 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June  
14 30, 2027, provides for an annual increase of the cost of services  
15 provided under the contract, the annual increase shall not exceed  
16 the amount by which the consumer price index for all urban  
17 consumers increased during the immediately preceding calendar  
18 year. This subsection does not affect a contract entered into on  
19 or before June 30, 2026, that is for a term of more than one  
20 year.

21 Sec. 11. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —  
22 PHARMACEUTICAL SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT. Notwithstanding section  
23 249A.33, subsection 2, there is appropriated from the  
24 pharmaceutical settlement account created in section 249A.33 any  
25 moneys remaining in the account for the fiscal year beginning  
26 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, to the department of  
27 health and human services to supplement the appropriation made  
28 in this Act from the general fund of the state for the medical  
29 assistance program for the same fiscal year.

30 Sec. 12. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — QUALITY  
31 ASSURANCE TRUST FUND. Notwithstanding section 249L.4, subsection  
32 2, there is appropriated from the quality assurance trust fund  
33 created in section 249L.4 any moneys remaining in the fund for  
34 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,  
35 to the department of health and human services to supplement the

1 appropriation made in this Act from the general fund of the state  
2 for the medical assistance program for the same fiscal year.

3 Sec. 13. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — HOSPITAL  
4 HEALTH CARE ACCESS TRUST FUND. Notwithstanding section 249M.4,  
5 subsection 2, there is appropriated from the hospital health care  
6 access trust fund created in section 249M.4 any moneys remaining  
7 in the fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and  
8 ending June 30, 2027, to the department of health and human  
9 services to supplement the appropriation made in this Act from  
10 the general fund of the state for the medical assistance program  
11 for the same fiscal year.

12 Sec. 14. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —  
13 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FUND. Notwithstanding section 225A.7,  
14 subsection 2, and subject to the availability of moneys, there is  
15 appropriated from the behavioral health fund established in  
16 section 225A.7, to the department of health and human services  
17 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,  
18 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
19 for the purposes designated:

20 To supplement the appropriation made in this Act from the  
21 general fund of the state to the department of health and human  
22 services for medical assistance for the fiscal year beginning  
23 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027:

24  
25 ..... \$ 7,053,449

26 Sec. 15. REIMBURSEMENT RATES.

27 1. Reimbursement for medical assistance, state supplementary  
28 assistance, and social service providers and services reimbursed  
29 under the purview of the department of health and human services  
30 shall remain at the reimbursement rate in effect on June 30,  
31 2026, or shall be determined pursuant to the reimbursement  
32 methodology in effect on June 30, 2026, with the exception of the  
33 following:

34 a. If reimbursement is otherwise negotiated by contract or  
35 pursuant to an updated fee schedule.

1 b. As otherwise provided in this section.

2 2. a. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
3 contrary, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending  
4 June 30, 2027, the department of health and human services shall  
5 base case-mix nursing facility rates on the case-mix nursing  
6 facility rates annually in effect on June 30, 2026.

7 (2) The department of health and human services shall  
8 calculate each nursing facility's case-mix index for the period  
9 beginning July 1, 2025.

10 b. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, \$1,167,867  
11 shall be used to increase to the extent possible reimbursement  
12 rates for ambulatory surgical centers compared to rates in effect  
13 on June 30, 2026.

14 DIVISION VII

15 FAMILY WELL-BEING AND PROTECTION — FY 2026-2027

16 Sec. 16. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — STATE  
17 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE. There is appropriated from the general  
18 fund of the state to the department of health and human services  
19 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,  
20 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
21 to be used for the purposes designated:

22 For state child care assistance in accordance with sections  
23 237A.13 and 237A.14:

24  
25 ..... \$ 31,983,000

26 1. If the appropriation made for purposes of the state child  
27 care assistance program for the fiscal year is determined to be  
28 insufficient, it is the intent of the general assembly to  
29 appropriate sufficient moneys for the fiscal year to avoid  
30 application of waiting list requirements.

31 2. A portion of the state match for the federal child care  
32 and development block grant shall be provided as necessary to  
33 meet federal matching moneys requirements through the state  
34 general fund appropriation made for child development grants and  
35 other programs for at-risk children in section 279.51.

1     Sec. 17. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — EARLY  
2 INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS. There is appropriated from the  
3 general fund of the state to the department of health and human  
4 services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending  
5 June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is  
6 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

7     For promotion of optimum health status for children and  
8 adolescents from birth through 21 years of age, and for families:

9  
10 ..... \$ 35,695,203

11     1. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, not more than  
12 \$734,000 is allocated for the healthy opportunities for parents  
13 to experience success (HOPES) - healthy families Iowa (HFI)  
14 program established pursuant to section 135.106.

15     2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$4,313,854 is  
16 allocated for the FaDSS grant program, and not more than 5  
17 percent of the allocated moneys shall be used for administration  
18 of the grant program.

19     3. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$29,256,799  
20 shall be deposited in the early childhood Iowa fund created in  
21 section 256I.11.

22     Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — CHILD  
23 PROTECTIVE SERVICES. There is appropriated from the general fund  
24 of the state to the department of health and human services for  
25 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,  
26 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
27 used for the purposes designated:

28     For child, family, and adoption services, and for salaries,  
29 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

30  
31 ..... \$164,052,467

32     1. Based on client need, a portion of the moneys appropriated  
33 in this section may be used to provide other resources required  
34 to support family preservation, emergency client need, or family  
35 reunification efforts.

1 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, a sufficient  
2 amount is allocated for foster family care, group foster care  
3 maintenance and services, shelter care, child welfare emergency  
4 services, qualified residential treatment programs, supervised  
5 apartment living contracts, and for medical assistance program  
6 reimbursement and associated costs.

7 3. Federal moneys received by the state during the fiscal  
8 year beginning July 1, 2026, as the result of the expenditure of  
9 state moneys appropriated during a previous state fiscal year for  
10 a service or activity funded under this section, are appropriated  
11 to the department to be used as additional moneys for services  
12 and purposes provided under this section. Notwithstanding  
13 section 8.33, moneys appropriated under this subsection that  
14 remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal  
15 year shall not revert but shall remain available for the purposes  
16 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

17 4. a. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$748,000  
18 is allocated for the payment of the expenses of court-ordered  
19 services provided to children who are under the supervision of  
20 the department, which expenses are a charge upon the state  
21 pursuant to section 232.141, subsection 4.

22 b. Notwithstanding chapter 232 or any other provision of law  
23 to the contrary, a district or juvenile court shall not order any  
24 service which is a charge upon the state pursuant to section  
25 232.141, subsection 4, if the moneys allocated under paragraph  
26 "a" for court-ordered services are insufficient to pay for the  
27 service.

28 5. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$4,359,500 is  
29 allocated for the preparation for adult living program  
30 established pursuant to section 234.46.

31 6. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, a portion may  
32 be used for family-centered services for purposes of complying  
33 with the federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018,  
34 Pub. L. No. 115-123, and successor legislation.

35 7. a. Of the moneys appropriated in this section,

1 \$39,823,955 is allocated for adoption subsidy payments and  
2 related costs.

3 b. Any moneys remaining after the allocation under paragraph  
4 "a" is designated and allocated as state savings resulting from  
5 implementation of the federal Fostering Connections to Success  
6 and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-351, and  
7 successor legislation, as determined in accordance with 42 U.S.C.  
8 §673(a)(8), and shall be used for post-adoption services and for  
9 other purposes allowed under those federal Acts and regulations,  
10 and Tit. IV-B or Tit. IV-E of the federal Social Security Act.

11 8. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, a sufficient  
12 amount is allocated to support training needs for child welfare  
13 providers and to address disproportionality within the child  
14 welfare system.

15 9. If a separate funding source is available that reduces the  
16 need for state moneys within an allocation under this section,  
17 the allocated state moneys may be redistributed to other  
18 allocations under this section for the same fiscal year.

19 DIVISION VIII

20 STATE-OPERATED SPECIALTY CARE — FY 2026-2027

21 Sec. 19. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —

22 STATE-OPERATED SPECIALTY CARE. There is appropriated from the  
23 general fund of the state to the department of health and human  
24 services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending  
25 June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is  
26 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

27 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes  
28 at institutions under the jurisdiction of the department of  
29 health and human services:

30

31 ..... \$100,225,768

32 1. The department shall utilize the moneys appropriated in  
33 this section as necessary to maximize bed capacity and to most  
34 effectively meet the needs of the individuals served.

35 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, the following

1 amounts are allocated to each institution as follows:

2 a. For the state mental health institute at Cherokee:

3

4 ..... \$ 19,878,962

5 b. For the state mental health institute at Independence:

6

7 ..... \$ 23,760,205

8 c. For the civil commitment unit for sexual offenders at  
9 Cherokee:

10

11 ..... \$ 23,272,111

12 d. For the state resource center at Woodward:

13

14 ..... \$ 12,567,092

15 e. For the state training school at Eldora:

16

17 ..... \$ 19,805,171

18 f. For outstanding obligations related to workers'  
19 compensation, the sick leave insurance program, unemployment, and  
20 other costs related to the closure of the state resource center  
21 at Glenwood:

22

23 ..... \$ 942,227

24

DIVISION IX

25

ADMINISTRATION AND COMPLIANCE — FY 2026-2027

26

Sec. 20. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —

27 ACCOUNTABILITY, COMPLIANCE, AND PROGRAM INTEGRITY. There is  
28 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department  
29 of health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July  
30 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so  
31 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
32 designated:

33

For accountability, compliance, and program integrity,  
34 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
35 purposes:

1

2 ..... \$ 23,087,834

3 1. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$2,602,312 is  
4 allocated for foster care review and the court appointed special  
5 advocate program, including for salaries, support, maintenance,  
6 and miscellaneous purposes.

7 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$1,148,959 is  
8 allocated for the office of long-term care ombudsman for  
9 salaries, support, administration, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
10 purposes.

11 DIVISION X

12 TRANSFERS, CASH FLOW, AND NONREVERSIONS — FY 2026-2027

13 Sec. 21. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — TRANSFERS  
14 AND CASH FLOW.

15 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
16 the department of health and human services may transfer moneys  
17 appropriated in this Act to support continuing alignment efforts,  
18 to maximize federal support in accordance with the department's  
19 federal costs allocation plan, and to secure resources necessary  
20 to implement and administer the services for which moneys are  
21 appropriated. The department shall report any transfers made  
22 pursuant to this subsection to the general assembly.

23 2. If, due to ongoing cost management efforts, appropriations  
24 under this Act for the Medicaid program exceed the associated  
25 costs for the Medicaid program for the fiscal year, the  
26 department may transfer any savings to the appropriations made  
27 in this Act for health program operations, or for accountability,  
28 compliance, and program integrity, to defray the costs associated  
29 with ongoing cost management efforts.

30 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the  
31 department may transfer moneys appropriated under this Act for  
32 child protective services to pay the nonfederal share costs of  
33 services reimbursed under the medical assistance program, state  
34 child care assistance program, or family investment program which  
35 are provided to children who would otherwise receive services

1 paid by the appropriation for child protective services.

2 4. The department may transfer moneys from the temporary  
3 assistance for needy families block grant to the federal social  
4 services block grant appropriation, and to the child care and  
5 development block grant appropriation, in accordance with federal  
6 law.

7 5. To the extent the department determines that moneys  
8 appropriated under this Act, or allocated for a specific purpose  
9 under this Act, will remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
10 close of the fiscal year, such unencumbered or unobligated moneys  
11 may be used in the same fiscal year for any other purpose for  
12 which the appropriated moneys may be used, or for any other  
13 allocation within the same appropriation.

14 Sec. 22. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —  
15 NONREVERSIONS.

16 1. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under  
17 this Act from the general fund of the state and the temporary  
18 assistance for needy families block grant to the department of  
19 health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July  
20 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, for the purposes of the  
21 FaDSS grant program, that remain unencumbered or unobligated at  
22 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
23 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
24 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

25 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, of the moneys appropriated  
26 under this Act from the general fund of the state, the quality  
27 assurance trust fund, and the hospital health care access trust  
28 fund to the department of health and human services for the  
29 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,  
30 for the purposes of the medical assistance program, the amount in  
31 excess of actual expenditures for the medical assistance program  
32 that remains unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the  
33 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for  
34 expenditure for the medical assistance program until the close of  
35 the succeeding fiscal year.

1 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, and notwithstanding the  
2 nonreversion amount limitation specified for state resource  
3 centers in section 222.92, subsection 4, moneys appropriated  
4 under this Act from the general fund of the state to  
5 the department of health and human services for the fiscal  
6 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, for  
7 the purposes of state-operated specialty care, that remain  
8 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall  
9 not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the  
10 purposes designated for subsequent fiscal years.

11 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this  
12 Act from the general fund of the state to the department of  
13 health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July  
14 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, for the Iowa commission  
15 on volunteer service for programs and grants, that remain  
16 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall  
17 not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the  
18 purposes designated for subsequent fiscal years.

19 5. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under  
20 this Act from the general fund of the state to the department  
21 of health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July  
22 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and allocated for rural  
23 psychiatric residencies, that remain unencumbered or unobligated  
24 at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
25 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
26 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

27 6. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under  
28 this Act from the general fund of the state to the department  
29 of health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July  
30 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and allocated for adoption  
31 subsidy payments and related costs, or for post-adoption services  
32 and allowable related purposes, that remain unencumbered or  
33 unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert  
34 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes  
35 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

1 7. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under  
2 this Act from the general fund of the state to the department  
3 of health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July  
4 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and allocated for child  
5 protective services, that remain unencumbered or unobligated at  
6 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
7 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
8 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

9 DIVISION XI

10 REPORT ON NONREVERSION OF MONEYS

11 Sec. 23. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — REPORT  
12 ON NONREVERSION OF MONEYS. The department of health and human  
13 services shall report the expenditure of any moneys for which  
14 nonreversion authorization was provided for the fiscal year  
15 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, to the general  
16 assembly on a quarterly basis beginning October 1, 2026.

17 DIVISION XII

18 EMERGENCY RULES

19 Sec. 24. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — EMERGENCY  
20 RULES.

21 1. If necessary to comply with federal requirements,  
22 including time frames, the department of health and human  
23 services shall adopt administrative rules under section 17A.4,  
24 subsection 3, and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b",  
25 to implement the applicable provisions of this Act. The rules  
26 shall be effective immediately upon filing unless a later date  
27 is specified in the rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with  
28 this section shall also be published as a notice of intended  
29 action as provided in section 17A.4.

30 2. If the department of health and human services adopts  
31 emergency rules in accordance with this section, or as otherwise  
32 directed or authorized by state law, and the rules will result  
33 in an increase in expenditures beyond the amount anticipated in  
34 the budget for the fiscal year, or if the expenditures were not  
35 addressed in the budget for the fiscal year, the department shall

1 notify the general assembly and the department of management  
2 concerning the rules and the increase in expenditures. The  
3 notification shall be provided at least thirty calendar days  
4 prior to the date notice of the rules is submitted to the  
5 administrative rules coordinator and the administrative code  
6 editor.

7 DIVISION XIII

8 MORE OPTIONS FOR MATERNAL SUPPORT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION

9 NONREVERSION

10 Sec. 25. 2025 Iowa Acts, chapter 169, section 27, is amended  
11 by adding the following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys  
13 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department  
14 of health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July  
15 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, for the more options for  
16 maternal support program created in section 217.41C that remain  
17 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall  
18 not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the  
19 purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal  
20 year.

21 Sec. 26. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being  
22 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

23 Sec. 27. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This division of this  
24 Act applies retroactively to July 1, 2025.

25 DIVISION XIV

26 CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE DECATEGORYIZATION

27 Sec. 28. Section 235.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
28 to read as follows:

29 2. *Membership.* ~~The department may authorize the governance~~  
30 ~~boards of decategorization of child welfare and juvenile justice~~  
31 ~~funding projects established under section 232.188 to appoint the~~  
32 ~~transition committee membership and may utilize the boundaries~~  
33 ~~of decategorization projects to establish the service areas for~~  
34 ~~transition committees. The committee~~ A committee's membership  
35 may include but is not limited to department staff involved with

1 foster care, child welfare, and adult services, juvenile court  
2 services staff, staff involved with county general assistance or  
3 emergency relief under chapter 251 or 252, school district and  
4 area education agency staff involved with special education, and  
5 a child's court appointed special advocate, guardian ad litem,  
6 service providers, and other persons knowledgeable about the  
7 child.

8 Sec. 29. Section 237A.1, subsection 2, paragraph j,  
9 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended by striking the  
10 subparagraph.

11 Sec. 30. Section 249A.26, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended  
12 by striking the subsection.

13 Sec. 31. Section 256I.4, subsection 6, Code 2026, is amended  
14 by striking the subsection.

15 Sec. 32. REPEAL. Section 232.188, Code 2026, is repealed.

16 Sec. 33. DECATEGORIZATION CARRYOVER FUNDING.

17 1. For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise  
18 requires:

19 a. "Carryover funding" means unobligated or unencumbered  
20 moneys described in section 232.188, subsection 5, paragraph "b",  
21 Code 2026, at the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
22 2025.

23 b. "Decategorization project" means the same as defined in  
24 section 232.188, Code 2026.

25 c. "Funding pool" means the same as defined in section  
26 232.188, Code 2026.

27 d. "Governance board" means the same as defined in section  
28 232.188, Code 2026.

29 2. Carryover funding that remains in a funding pool at the  
30 close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, which has been  
31 encumbered or obligated by the governance board for a multiyear  
32 service decategorization project for that fiscal year, shall  
33 remain available for expenditure to ensure continuation of such  
34 service or activity until the close of the fiscal year beginning  
35 July 1, 2028, or until the close of the fiscal year in which the

1 service or activity is completed, whichever is earlier.

2 3. Carryover funding that remains in a funding pool at the  
3 end of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, which remains  
4 unencumbered or unobligated by the governance board for a  
5 multiyear service decategorization project for that fiscal year,  
6 shall be appropriated to the department of health and human  
7 services and juvenile court services proportionately based on the  
8 percentage of moneys appropriated to each entity by the general  
9 assembly for decategorization projects.

10 Sec. 34. EFFECTIVE DATE. The section of this division of  
11 this Act related to decategorization carryover funding, being  
12 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

13 Sec. 35. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. The section of this  
14 division of this Act related to decategorization carryover  
15 funding applies retroactively to July 1, 2025.

16 DIVISION XV

17 COMMITMENT OR HOSPITALIZATION OF CERTAIN PERSONS WITH SUBSTANCE  
18 USE DISORDERS OR MENTAL ILLNESS

19 Sec. 36. Section 125.81, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 1. a. If a person filing an application requests that a  
22 respondent be taken into immediate custody, and the court upon  
23 reviewing the application and accompanying documentation, finds  
24 probable cause to believe that the respondent is a person with  
25 a substance use disorder who is likely to injure the person or  
26 other persons if allowed to remain at liberty, the court may  
27 enter a written order directing that the respondent be taken  
28 into immediate custody by the sheriff, and be detained until  
29 the commitment hearing, which shall be held no more than five  
30 days after the date of the order, except that if the fifth  
31 day after the date of the order is a Saturday, Sunday, or a  
32 holiday, the hearing may be held on the next business day. The  
33 court may order the respondent detained for the period of time  
34 until the hearing is held, and no longer except as provided  
35 in section 125.88, in accordance with subsection 2, paragraph

1 "a", if possible, and if not, then in accordance with subsection  
2 2, paragraph "b", or, only if neither of these alternatives is  
3 available in accordance with subsection 2, paragraph "c".

4 b. The county in which a respondent is taken into immediate  
5 custody by the sheriff pursuant to paragraph "a" shall compensate  
6 the sheriff, as determined by the county board of supervisors of  
7 that county and consistent with section 331.655, subsection 1,  
8 paragraph "l", for conveyance of the respondent to a detention  
9 location.

10 Sec. 37. Section 229.2, subsection 1, paragraph b,  
11 subparagraph (3), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

12 (3) As soon as is practicable after the filing of a petition  
13 for juvenile court approval of the admission of the minor, the  
14 juvenile court shall determine whether the minor has an attorney  
15 to represent the minor in the hospitalization proceeding, and  
16 if not, the court shall ~~assign to~~ appoint the minor an attorney  
17 pursuant to section 815.10. If the minor is financially unable  
18 to pay for an attorney, the attorney shall be compensated by  
19 an administrative services organization at an hourly rate to  
20 be established by the administrative services organization in  
21 substantially the same manner as provided in section 815.7.

22 Sec. 38. Section 229.8, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 1. Determine whether the respondent has an attorney who  
25 is able and willing to represent the respondent in the  
26 hospitalization proceeding, and if not, whether the respondent  
27 is financially able to employ an attorney and capable of  
28 meaningfully assisting in selecting one. In accordance with  
29 those determinations, the court shall if necessary allow the  
30 respondent to select, or pursuant to section 815.10 shall assign  
31 ~~to~~ appoint the respondent, an attorney. If the respondent is  
32 financially unable to pay an attorney, the attorney shall be  
33 compensated by an administrative services organization at an  
34 hourly rate to be established by the administrative services  
35 organization in substantially the same manner as provided in

1 section 815.7.

2 Sec. 39. Section 229.10, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
3 2026, is amended to read as follows:

4 a. An examination of the respondent shall be conducted by  
5 one or more licensed physicians or mental health professionals,  
6 as required by the court's order, within a reasonable time. If  
7 the respondent is detained pursuant to section 229.11, subsection  
8 1, paragraph ~~"b"~~ "a", subparagraph (2), the examination shall  
9 be conducted within twenty-four hours. If the respondent is  
10 detained pursuant to section 229.11, subsection 1, paragraph  
11 "a" or "e", subparagraph (1) or (3), the examination shall  
12 be conducted within forty-eight hours. If the respondent  
13 so desires, the respondent shall be entitled to a separate  
14 examination by a licensed physician or mental health professional  
15 of the respondent's own choice. The reasonable cost of the  
16 examinations shall, if the respondent lacks sufficient funds to  
17 pay the cost, be paid by an administrative services organization  
18 upon order of the court.

19 Sec. 40. Section 229.11, subsections 1 and 3, Code 2026, are  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 1. a. If the applicant requests that the respondent be  
22 taken into immediate custody and the judge, upon reviewing the  
23 application and accompanying documentation, finds probable cause  
24 to believe that the respondent has a serious mental impairment  
25 and is likely to injure the respondent or other persons if  
26 allowed to remain at liberty, the judge may enter a written order  
27 directing that the respondent be taken into immediate custody  
28 by the sheriff or the sheriff's deputy and be detained until  
29 the hospitalization hearing. The hospitalization hearing shall  
30 be held no more than five days after the date of the order,  
31 except that if the fifth day after the date of the order is a  
32 Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the hearing may be held on the  
33 next succeeding business day. ~~If the expenses of a respondent  
34 are payable in whole or in part by an administrative services  
35 organization, for a placement in accordance with paragraph "a",~~

1 ~~the judge shall give notice of the placement to an administrative~~  
2 ~~services organization, and for a placement in accordance with~~  
3 ~~paragraph "b" or "c", the judge shall order the placement in~~  
4 ~~a hospital or facility designated by an administrative services~~  
5 ~~organization. The judge may order the respondent detained for~~  
6 ~~the period of time until the hearing is held, and no longer,~~  
7 ~~in accordance with paragraph "a" subparagraph (1), if possible,~~  
8 ~~and if not then in accordance with paragraph "b" subparagraph~~  
9 ~~(2), or, only if neither of these alternatives is available, in~~  
10 ~~accordance with paragraph "c" subparagraph (3). Detention may be~~  
11 ~~in any of the following:~~

12 ~~a.~~ (1) In the custody of a relative, friend, or other  
13 suitable person who is willing to accept responsibility for  
14 supervision of the respondent, and the respondent may be placed  
15 under such reasonable restrictions as the judge may order  
16 including but not limited to restrictions on or a prohibition of  
17 any expenditure, encumbrance, or disposition of the respondent's  
18 funds or property.

19 ~~b.~~ (2) In a suitable hospital the chief medical officer of  
20 which shall be informed of the reasons why immediate custody  
21 has been ordered and may provide treatment which is necessary  
22 to preserve the respondent's life, or to appropriately control  
23 behavior by the respondent which is likely to result in physical  
24 injury to the respondent or to others if allowed to continue, but  
25 may not otherwise provide treatment to the respondent without the  
26 respondent's consent.

27 ~~c.~~ (3) In the nearest facility in the community which is  
28 licensed to care for persons with mental illness or substance  
29 use disorder, provided that detention in a jail or other facility  
30 intended for confinement of those accused or convicted of crime  
31 shall not be ordered.

32 b. The county in which a respondent is taken into immediate  
33 custody by the sheriff pursuant to paragraph "a" shall compensate  
34 the sheriff, as determined by the county board of supervisors of  
35 that county and consistent with section 331.655, subsection 1,

1 paragraph "l", for conveyance of the respondent to a detention  
2 location.

3 3. If a respondent is detained pursuant to subsection 1,  
4 paragraph ~~"b" or "e"~~ "a", subparagraph (2) or (3), the sheriff  
5 or the sheriff's deputy that took the respondent into immediate  
6 custody may inform the hospital or facility that an arrest  
7 warrant has been issued for or charges are pending against the  
8 respondent and may request the hospital or facility to notify  
9 the sheriff or the sheriff's deputy about the discharge of the  
10 respondent prior to discharge.

11 Sec. 41. Section 229.22, subsection 2, paragraph a,  
12 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) In the circumstances described in subsection 1, any peace  
14 officer who has reasonable grounds to believe that a person is  
15 mentally ill, and because of that illness is likely to physically  
16 injure the person's self or others if not immediately detained,  
17 may without a warrant take or cause that person to be taken to  
18 the nearest available facility or hospital as ~~defined~~ described  
19 in section 229.11, subsection 1, paragraphs "b" paragraph "a",  
20 subparagraphs (2) and "e" (3). A person believed mentally  
21 ill, and likely to injure the person's self or others if not  
22 immediately detained, may be delivered to a facility or hospital  
23 by someone other than a peace officer.

24 Sec. 42. Section 815.9, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1,  
25 Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

26 For purposes of this chapter, chapters 13B, 125, 229, 229A,  
27 232, 665, 812, 814, and 822, and section 811.1A, and the rules  
28 of criminal procedure, a person is indigent if the person is  
29 entitled to an attorney appointed by the court as follows:

30 DIVISION XVI

31 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

32 Sec. 43. Section 144.13A, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code  
33 2026, is amended to read as follows:

34 a. Ten dollars of each registration fee is appropriated and  
35 shall be used for ~~primary and secondary~~ child abuse prevention

1 ~~programs pursuant to section 235A.1~~, and ten dollars of each  
 2 registration fee is appropriated and shall be used for the  
 3 congenital and inherited disorders central registry established  
 4 pursuant to section 136A.6. Notwithstanding section 8.33,  
 5 moneys appropriated in this paragraph that remain unencumbered  
 6 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert  
 7 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes  
 8 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year, and  
 9 shall not be transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or  
 10 otherwise encumbered except as provided in this paragraph.

11 Sec. 44. Section 422.12K, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
 12 follows:

13 **422.12K Income tax checkoff for child abuse prevention**  
 14 **~~program fund.~~**

15 1. A person who files an individual or a joint income tax  
 16 return with the department of revenue under section 422.13 may  
 17 designate one dollar or more to be paid to the ~~child abuse~~  
 18 ~~prevention program~~ early childhood and family services system  
 19 fund created in section ~~235A.2~~ 234A.6, to be used for the  
 20 purpose of child abuse prevention. If the refund due on the  
 21 return or the payment remitted with the return is insufficient  
 22 to pay the additional amount designated by the taxpayer to  
 23 the ~~child abuse prevention program~~ early childhood and family  
 24 services system fund, the amount designated shall be reduced to  
 25 the remaining amount remitted with the return. The designation  
 26 of a contribution to the ~~child abuse prevention program~~ early  
 27 childhood and family services system fund under this section is  
 28 irrevocable.

29 2. The director of revenue shall draft the income tax form  
 30 to allow the designation of contributions to the ~~child abuse~~  
 31 ~~prevention program~~ early childhood and family services system  
 32 fund on the tax return. The department of revenue, on or  
 33 before January 31, shall transfer the total amount designated  
 34 on the tax return forms due in the preceding calendar year to  
 35 the ~~child abuse prevention program~~ early childhood and family

1 services system fund. However, before a checkoff pursuant to  
2 this section shall be permitted, all liabilities on the books  
3 of the department and accounts identified as owing under section  
4 421.65 shall be satisfied.

5 3. The department of health and human services may authorize  
6 payment of moneys from the ~~child abuse prevention program~~ early  
7 childhood and family services system fund for the purpose of  
8 child abuse prevention in accordance with section ~~235A.2~~ 234A.6.

9 4. The department of revenue shall adopt rules to administer  
10 this section.

11 5. This section is subject to repeal under section 422.12E.

12 Sec. 45. REPEAL. Sections 235A.1, 235A.2, and 235A.3, Code  
13 2026, are repealed.

14 Sec. 46. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUND — TRANSFER OF  
15 MONEYS. Any unencumbered or unobligated moneys remaining in the  
16 child abuse prevention program fund created in section 235A.2,  
17 on June 30, 2026, shall be transferred to the early childhood  
18 and family services system fund created in section 234A.6, if  
19 created by enactment of 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2712 or Senate  
20 File 2462, or successor legislation. If no such fund is enacted,  
21 the moneys shall be transferred to the early intervention and  
22 supports appropriation in this Act.

23 Sec. 47. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this  
24 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon  
25 enactment if 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2712 or Senate File 2462,  
26 or successor legislation, is enacted.

27 DIVISION XVII

28 COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

29 Sec. 48. NEW SECTION. **231.80 Comprehensive family support**  
30 **program.**

31 1. For the purposes of this section, unless the context  
32 otherwise requires:

33 a. "*Comprehensive family support*" means services and supports  
34 that assist families caring for an individual with a disability  
35 who is a member of the family, including but not limited to

1 programs, services, parent-to-parent support, assistive devices,  
2 and various adaptations that allow an individual with a  
3 disability to participate more fully in family and community  
4 life.

5     *b.* (1) "Family" means a group of interdependent persons  
6 living in the same household. A family consists of an individual  
7 with a disability and any of the following:

8         (i) The individual's parent.

9         (ii) The individual's sibling.

10        (iii) The individual's grandparent, aunt, or uncle.

11        (iv) The individual's legal custodian.

12        (v) A person providing short-term foster care to the  
13 individual with a disability subject to a case permanency plan  
14 that provides for reunification between the individual and the  
15 individual's parent.

16     (2) "Family" does not include a person who is employed  
17 to provide services to an individual with a disability in an  
18 out-of-home setting, including but not limited to a hospital,  
19 nursing facility, personal care home, board and care home, group  
20 foster care home, or other institutional setting.

21     *c.* "Individual with a disability" means an individual who is  
22 less than twenty-two years of age and meets the definition of  
23 developmental disability in 42 U.S.C. §15002.

24     *d.* "Services and support" means assistance intended to enable  
25 an individual with a disability to control the individual's  
26 environment, to remain living with the individual's family, to  
27 function more independently, and to increase the integration  
28 of the individual into the individual's community including  
29 but not limited to funding for purchase of equipment, respite  
30 care, supplies, assistive technology, and payment of other costs  
31 attributable to the individual's disability which are identified  
32 by the individual's family.

33     2. A comprehensive family support program is created under  
34 the purview of the department to provide a statewide system of  
35 services and support to eligible families. The program shall

1 be implemented in a manner that enables a family member of an  
2 individual with a disability to identify the needed services and  
3 support.

4 3. Eligibility for the program is limited to families who  
5 meet all of the following criteria:

6 a. The family resides in the state of Iowa.

7 b. The family intends for the family member who is an  
8 individual with a disability to remain living in the family's  
9 home.

10 c. The family's taxable income is less than sixty thousand  
11 dollars for the most recently completed tax year.

12 4. A family may apply to the department or to a family  
13 support center for assistance under the comprehensive family  
14 support program. The department or family support center  
15 shall determine eligibility for the comprehensive family support  
16 program in accordance with subsection 3.

17 5. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
18 17A to implement the comprehensive family support program.  
19 The comprehensive family support program must do all of the  
20 following:

21 a. To the extent possible, incorporate in the application  
22 process the eligibility determination processes that the  
23 department uses for other disability services programs.

24 b. Ensure the ability of families to maintain control of  
25 decisions which affect an individual with a disability who is a  
26 member of a family.

27 c. Utilize existing local agencies to provide facilities and  
28 a single entry point for program applicants.

29 d. Ensure services and support are provided in a timely  
30 manner and emergency access to needed services and support is  
31 provided.

32 e. Ensure technical assistance is provided to providers and  
33 users of services and support.

34 f. Utilize state, regional, and local media to publicize the  
35 program.

1 g. Incorporate a process to appeal the department's or family  
2 support center's denial of services and support to a family under  
3 the program, including reasonable efforts by the department to  
4 utilize telecommunications in the appeal process.

5 h. Identify the services and support, and service provider  
6 components, included in the program.

7 i. Upon request by a family member, provide a family with  
8 assistance in locating a service provider.

9 j. Make payment for services and support directly to families  
10 by voucher or other appropriate means.

11 k. Utilize a voucher system for payment for the family  
12 support center component of the program under subsection 7.

13 6. Services and support provided under the comprehensive  
14 family support program shall not be used to supplant other  
15 services and support available to a family of an individual with  
16 a disability but shall be used to meet family needs that will not  
17 be met without the program.

18 7. The comprehensive family support program shall include a  
19 family support center component. Under the component, a family  
20 member of an individual with a disability shall be assisted  
21 by a family support center in identifying the services and  
22 support to be provided to the family under the family support  
23 subsidy program or the comprehensive family support program.  
24 The identification of services and support must be based upon  
25 the specific needs of the individual with a disability and  
26 the individual's family which are not met by other service  
27 programs available to the individual with a disability and the  
28 individual's family.

29 8. The comprehensive family support program shall be funded  
30 by appropriations made by the general assembly for purposes of  
31 the program. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated  
32 for the comprehensive family support program under this section  
33 that remain unobligated or unexpended at the close of each fiscal  
34 year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure  
35 for the purposes designated until the close of the immediately

1 succeeding fiscal year.

2 Sec. 49. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor is directed  
3 to designate section 231.80, as enacted in this division of this  
4 Act, as subchapter VIII of chapter 231 entitled "Comprehensive  
5 Family Support Program".

6 Sec. 50. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being  
7 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

8 Sec. 51. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This division of this  
9 Act applies retroactively to July 1, 2025.

10 DIVISION XVIII

11 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AND ADOPTION SUBSIDY EXPENDITURE  
12 PROJECTIONS

13 Sec. 52. REPEAL. Section 234.47, Code 2026, is repealed.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill makes appropriations from the general fund of  
18 the state to the department of veterans affairs and to the  
19 department of health and human services (HHS) for FY 2026-2027.  
20 The appropriations from the general fund of the state to  
21 the department of veterans affairs include appropriations for  
22 administration, the Iowa veterans home, and the home ownership  
23 assistance program. The appropriations from the general fund of  
24 the state to HHS include appropriations for aging and disability  
25 services; behavioral health; public health; community access and  
26 eligibility including for child support services; the medical  
27 assistance program, state supplementary assistance, the healthy  
28 and well kids in Iowa (Hawki) program, and other specified  
29 health-related programs including health program operations;  
30 reimbursement rates; family well-being and protection including  
31 state child care assistance, early intervention and supports,  
32 and child protective services; state-operated specialty care; and  
33 administration and compliance.

34 The bill also makes appropriations to HHS from the sports  
35 wagering receipts fund, the pharmaceutical settlement account,

1 the quality assurance trust fund, the hospital health care access  
2 trust fund, and behavioral health fund. In addition, the bill  
3 appropriates to HHS the moneys received by the state under the  
4 federal temporary assistance for needy families block grant.

5 The bill includes transfer, cash flow, and nonreversion  
6 provisions, emergency rulemaking authority, and reporting  
7 requirements.

8 The bill eliminates child welfare and juvenile justice  
9 decategorization initiative projects and appropriates carryover  
10 funding to HHS and juvenile court services.

11 The bill requires the county to pay the cost of transport  
12 to a detention location by the sheriff for certain persons with  
13 substance abuse disorders prior to a commitment hearing.

14 The bill eliminates the child abuse prevention program,  
15 fund, and advisory committee. A taxpayer may still receive  
16 a nonrefundable reduction in the taxpayer's income taxes for  
17 contributing to child abuse prevention, but the moneys received  
18 will be administered through the early childhood and family  
19 services (ECFS) system instead of the child abuse prevention  
20 program fund. Moneys in the child abuse prevention program fund  
21 are transferred to the ECFS fund, if created by enactment of 2026  
22 Iowa Acts, House File 2712 or Senate File 2462.

23 The bill creates a comprehensive family support program.

24 The bill repeals the expenditure projections for the state  
25 child care assistance and adoption subsidy programs.