

Senate Study Bill 3141 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to certified medication aides.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 135C.34, Code 2026, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **135C.34 Medication aide — certification.**

4 1. The department of ~~inspections, appeals, and licensing,~~ in
5 cooperation with other appropriate agencies, shall establish a
6 procedure to allow a person who is certified as a medication
7 aide in another state to become certified in this state
8 upon completion and passage of both the certified nurse
9 aide and certified medication aide challenge examinations,
10 without additional requirements for certification, including but
11 not limited to, required employment in this state prior to
12 certification.

13 2. a. The department shall establish a medication aide
14 certification registry on the department's internet site. The
15 medication aide certification registry shall allow a person
16 offering a department-approved medication aide certification
17 examination to upload proof that an individual successfully
18 completed the medication aide certification examination.

19 b. The department shall not charge a fee for a person
20 to upload proof that an individual successfully completed a
21 medication aide certification examination.

22 3. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
23 to administer this section.

24 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **135C.34A Medication aides — rules.**

25 1. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
26 17A governing properly trained persons charged with the
27 responsibility of administering nonparenteral medications at
28 nursing facilities that include all of the following:

29 a. A rule authorizing a department-approved medication aide
30 challenge examination to be administered by an area community
31 college shall also authorize other department-approved competency
32 evaluation programs to administer a department-approved
33 medication aide challenge examination.

34 b. A rule which states that before a nursing student may take
35 a department-approved medication aide challenge examination in

1 place of taking a medication aide course, the individual must
2 provide to the community college a specified written statement,
3 shall also state that other department-approved competency
4 evaluation programs can receive the statement.

5 c. Any rules necessary to ensure consistency in all
6 provisions relating to certified medication aide training and
7 qualifications.

8 2. The department of inspections, appeals, and licensing
9 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A governing properly
10 trained persons charged with the responsibility of administering
11 nonparenteral medications at intermediate care facilities for
12 persons with mental illness that include all of the following:

13 a. A rule authorizing a department-approved medication aide
14 challenge examination to be administered by an area community
15 college shall also authorize other department-approved competency
16 evaluation programs to administer a department-approved
17 medication aide challenge examination.

18 b. A rule which states that before a nursing student or a
19 graduate nurse may take a department-approved medication aide
20 challenge examination in place of taking a medication aide
21 course, the individual must provide to the community college
22 a specified written statement, shall also state that other
23 department-approved competency evaluation programs can receive
24 the statement.

25 c. Any rules necessary to ensure consistency in all
26 provisions relating to certified medication aide training and
27 qualifications.

28 Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

29 1. Rescission of administrative rules.

30 a. The following Iowa administrative rules are rescinded as
31 of July 1, 2026:

32 (1) 481 Iowa administrative code, rule 58.21, subrule 6,
33 paragraph "c".

34 (2) 481 Iowa administrative code, rule 58.21, subrule 6,
35 paragraph "d", subparagraph (4).

1 (3) 481 Iowa administrative code, rule 58.21, subrule 6,
2 paragraph "e", unnumbered paragraph 2.

3 (4) 481 Iowa administrative code, rule 65.17, subrule 1,
4 paragraph "c".

5 (5) 481 Iowa administrative code, rule 65.17, subrule 1,
6 paragraph "d", subparagraph (4).

7 b. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2026, the Iowa
8 administrative code editor shall remove the language of the Iowa
9 administrative rules referenced in paragraph "a" from the Iowa
10 administrative code.

11 2. Conforming changes to rules. The department of
12 inspections, appeals, and licensing may engage in rulemaking
13 pursuant to chapter 17A to make any conforming changes to rules
14 necessary to implement this Act.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill relates to certified medication aides (medication
19 aides).

20 The bill requires the department of inspections, appeals, and
21 licensing (DIAL) to establish a medication aide certification
22 registry (registry) on DIAL's internet site. The registry
23 shall allow a person offering a DIAL-approved medication aide
24 certification examination (examination) to upload proof that an
25 individual successfully completed the examination. The bill
26 prohibits DIAL from charging a fee for a person to upload proof
27 that an individual successfully completed an examination.

28 Under current law, a medication aide includes certain persons
29 responsible for administering nonparenteral medications at
30 nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for persons
31 with mental illness. The bill requires DIAL to adopt rules
32 that include specified provisions relating to qualifications of
33 medication aides. The specified provisions relate to procedures
34 for DIAL-approved medication aide courses and DIAL-approved
35 medication aide challenge examinations. The bill also requires

1 DIAL to adopt any rules necessary to ensure consistency
2 in all provisions relating to medication aide training and
3 qualifications at such facilities.

4 The bill rescinds specified DIAL rules relating to
5 DIAL-approved medication aide courses and DIAL-approved
6 medication aide challenge examinations for medication aides at
7 such care facilities.

8 The bill authorizes DIAL to engage in rulemaking to make any
9 conforming changes to rules necessary to implement the bill.

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