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

17 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 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is

1 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

21 \$ 19,379,531

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

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

33 3. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$33,632
34 is allocated to be used to build community capacity through
35 the coordination and provision of training opportunities in

1 accordance with the consent decree of Conner v. Branstad, No.
2 4-86-CV-30871 (S.D. Iowa, July 15, 1994).

3 DIVISION III
4 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH — FY 2026-2027

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

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

28 \$ 23,127,121

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

34 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$950,000
35 is allocated for an integrated substance use disorder managed

1 care system. The department shall maintain the level of mental
2 health and substance use disorder treatment services provided
3 by the managed care contractors, and shall take the steps
4 necessary to continue the federal waivers as needed to maintain
5 the level of services.

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

18 \$ 1,750,000

19 DIVISION IV

20 PUBLIC HEALTH — FY 2026-2027

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

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

35 \$ 21,833,369

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

5 a. \$600,000 for distribution to a nonprofit organization
6 that established the first statewide drug donation repository
7 for continuation of the pharmaceutical infrastructure for
8 safety net providers established as described in 2007 Iowa
9 Acts, chapter 218, section 108, and for the prescription drug
10 donation repository program established in chapter 135M.

11 Moneys under this paragraph shall be distributed in their
12 entirety on July 1, 2026, for the purpose specified.

13 b. \$374,000 for distribution to free clinics, as defined in
14 section 135.24, and a nonprofit organization that facilitates
15 the initiation, operation, and collaboration of free clinics
16 for necessary infrastructure, statewide coordination, provider
17 recruitment, service delivery, and provision of assistance to
18 patients in securing a medical home inclusive of oral health
19 care. Of the moneys allocated, \$40,000 shall be used to lower
20 fees associated with using an electronic prescribing system.

21 Moneys under this paragraph shall be distributed in their
22 entirety on July 1, 2026, for the purpose specified.

23 c. \$25,000 for distribution to an organization that raises
24 awareness about issues related to rural health clinics for
25 necessary infrastructure and service delivery transformation.

26 Moneys under this paragraph shall be distributed in their
27 entirety on July 1, 2026, for the purpose specified.

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

31 3. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$20,000 is
32 allocated to make radon test kits available, free of charge,
33 to homeowners and renters in the state. The department shall
34 provide a link on the department's internet site for homeowners
35 and renters in the state to order radon test kits.

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

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

15 DIVISION V

16 COMMUNITY ACCESS AND ELIGIBILITY — CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES —
17 TANF — FY 2026-2027

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

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

1 \$ 76,312,642

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

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

1 patient-centered medical homes developed to improve health
2 quality and population health while reducing health care costs.
3 To the maximum extent possible, moneys allocated in this
4 subsection shall be utilized as matching moneys for Medicaid
5 program reimbursement.

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

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

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

20 For child support services, including salaries, support,
21 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
22 \$ 15,644,114

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

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

33 Sec. 8. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —
34 TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT. There is
35 appropriated from the special fund created in section 8.41 to

1 the department of health and human services for the fiscal year
2 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, from moneys
3 received under the federal temporary assistance for needy
4 families (TANF) block grant pursuant to the federal Personal
5 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996,
6 Pub. L. No. 104-193, and successor legislation, including TANF
7 block grant moneys received in any prior fiscal year that
8 were deposited in the special fund and remain unencumbered
9 or unobligated on June 30, 2026, the following amounts, or
10 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
11 designated:

12 1. For community access and eligibility:
13 \$ 12,566,312

14 2. For community access and eligibility to provide
15 pregnancy prevention grants on the condition that family
16 planning services are funded:
17 \$ 1,913,203

18 Pregnancy prevention grants shall be awarded to programs
19 in existence on or before July 1, 2026, if the programs have
20 demonstrated positive outcomes. Grants shall be awarded
21 to pregnancy prevention programs developed after July 1,
22 2026, if the programs are based on existing models that have
23 demonstrated positive outcomes. Grants must comply with the
24 requirements provided in 1997 Iowa Acts, chapter 208, section
25 14, subsections 1 and 2, including the requirement that a
26 program awarded a grant must emphasize sexual abstinence.
27 Priority in awarding grants shall be given to programs
28 that serve areas of the state which demonstrate the highest
29 percentage of unplanned pregnancies of females of childbearing
30 age within the geographic area to be served by the grant.

31 3. To meet one of the four purposes of TANF as specified
32 in 45 C.F.R. §260.20, including by modernizing the program
33 to promote economic mobility and self-sufficiency, ensuring
34 that families are able to overcome benefit cliffs, encouraging
35 healthy families, and streamlining service delivery to reduce

1 duplication:

2 \$ 25,000,000

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

6 \$ 3,013,980

7 5. For accountability, compliance, program integrity,
8 technology needs, and other resources necessary to meet
9 federal and state reporting, tracking, and case management
10 requirements, and other departmental needs:

11 \$ 3,533,647

12 6. For state child care assistance:

13 \$ 42,281,826

14 7. For child protective services:

15 \$ 67,249,100

16 a. Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection,
17 \$1,658,000 shall be allocated for child protection centers
18 located in Iowa pursuant to the child protection center grant
19 program under section 135.118. The grant amounts under the
20 program shall be equalized so that each center receives a
21 uniform base amount of \$245,000, and the remaining moneys
22 are awarded through a funding formula based upon the volume
23 of children served by a center. To increase access to child
24 protection center services for children in rural areas, the
25 funding formula for awarding the remaining moneys shall provide
26 for awarding an enhanced amount to eligible grantees to develop
27 and maintain satellite centers in underserved regions of the
28 state.

29 b. Of the moneys appropriated in this subsection, up to
30 \$227,000 shall be used for the public purpose of continuing a
31 grant to a nonprofit human services organization that provides
32 services to individuals and families in multiple locations in
33 southwest Iowa and Nebraska, for support of a project providing
34 immediate, sensitive support and forensic interviews, medical
35 exams, needs assessments, and referrals for victims of child

1 abuse and their nonoffending family members.

2 DIVISION VI

3 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — STATE SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE —
4 HEALTHY AND WELL KIDS IN IOWA PROGRAM AND OTHER HEALTH-RELATED
5 PROGRAMS — FY 2026-2027

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

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

28 \$ 1,992,550,706

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

34 2. Iowans support reducing the number of abortions
35 performed in this state. Moneys appropriated under this

1 section shall not be used for abortions, unless otherwise
2 authorized under this section.

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

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

12 For health program operations and the autism support program
13 under section 225D.2:

14 \$ 39,672,433

15 1. The department of inspections, appeals, and licensing
16 shall provide all state matching moneys for survey and
17 certification activities performed by the department of
18 inspections, appeals, and licensing. The department of health
19 and human services shall be solely responsible for distributing
20 the federal matching moneys for such activities.

21 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, a sufficient
22 amount is allocated for the administration of the health
23 insurance premium payment program, including salaries, support,
24 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes.

25 3. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$750,000 is
26 allocated for a nonprofit organization that provides access
27 to emergency poison information and treatment. Pursuant to
28 the directive under 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1140, section
29 102, the federal matching moneys available to the nonprofit
30 organization from the department under the federal Children’s
31 Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 shall be
32 subject to the federal administrative cap rule of 10 percent
33 applicable to moneys provided under Tit. XXI of the federal
34 Social Security Act, and shall be included in the department’s
35 calculations of the cap.

1 4. Unless otherwise provided by law, if a contract for
2 services provided under this section initially entered into
3 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
4 June 30, 2027, provides for an annual increase of the cost of
5 services provided under the contract, the annual increase shall
6 not exceed the amount by which the consumer price index for
7 all urban consumers increased during the immediately preceding
8 calendar year. This subsection does not affect a contract
9 entered into on or before June 30, 2026, that is for a term of
10 more than one year.

11 Sec. 11. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —
12 PHARMACEUTICAL SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT. Notwithstanding section
13 249A.33, subsection 2, there is appropriated from the
14 pharmaceutical settlement account created in section 249A.33
15 any moneys remaining in the account for the fiscal year
16 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, to the
17 department of health and human services to supplement the
18 appropriation made in this Act from the general fund of the
19 state for the medical assistance program for the same fiscal
20 year.

21 Sec. 12. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —
22 QUALITY ASSURANCE TRUST FUND. Notwithstanding section 249L.4,
23 subsection 2, there is appropriated from the quality assurance
24 trust fund created in section 249L.4 any moneys remaining in
25 the fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
26 June 30, 2027, to the department of health and human services
27 to supplement the appropriation made in this Act from the
28 general fund of the state for the medical assistance program
29 for the same fiscal year.

30 Sec. 13. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — HOSPITAL
31 HEALTH CARE ACCESS TRUST FUND. Notwithstanding section 249M.4,
32 subsection 2, there is appropriated from the hospital health
33 care access trust fund created in section 249M.4 any moneys
34 remaining in the fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
35 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, to the department of health and

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

4 Sec. 14. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —
5 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FUND. Notwithstanding section 225A.7,
6 subsection 2, and subject to the availability of moneys, there
7 is appropriated from the behavioral health fund established in
8 section 225A.7, to the department of health and human services
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,
10 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
11 for the purposes designated:

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

16 \$ 7,053,449

17 Sec. 15. REIMBURSEMENT RATES.

18 1. Reimbursement for medical assistance, state
19 supplementary assistance, and social service providers and
20 services reimbursed under the purview of the department of
21 health and human services shall remain at the reimbursement
22 rate in effect on June 30, 2026, or shall be determined
23 pursuant to the reimbursement methodology in effect on June 30,
24 2026, with the exception of the following:

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

27 b. As otherwise provided in this section.

28 2. a. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
29 contrary, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and
30 ending June 30, 2027, the department of health and human
31 services shall base case-mix nursing facility rates on the
32 case-mix nursing facility rates annually in effect on June 30,
33 2026.

34 (2) The department of health and human services shall
35 calculate each nursing facility's case-mix index for the period

1 beginning July 1, 2025.

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

6 DIVISION VII

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

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

14 For state child care assistance in accordance with sections
15 237A.13 and 237A.14:

16 \$ 31,983,000

17 1. If the appropriation made for purposes of the state child
18 care assistance program for the fiscal year is determined to
19 be insufficient, it is the intent of the general assembly to
20 appropriate sufficient moneys for the fiscal year to avoid
21 application of waiting list requirements.

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

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

33 For promotion of optimum health status for children and
34 adolescents from birth through 21 years of age, and for
35 families:

1 \$ 35,695,203

2 1. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, not more than
3 \$734,000 is allocated for the healthy opportunities for parents
4 to experience success (HOPES) – healthy families Iowa (HFI)
5 program established pursuant to section 135.106.

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

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

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

19 For child, family, and adoption services, and for salaries,
20 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

21 \$164,052,467

22 1. Based on client need, a portion of the moneys
23 appropriated in this section may be used to provide other
24 resources required to support family preservation, emergency
25 client need, or family reunification efforts.

26 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, a sufficient
27 amount is allocated for foster family care, group foster care
28 maintenance and services, shelter care, child welfare emergency
29 services, qualified residential treatment programs, supervised
30 apartment living contracts, and for medical assistance program
31 reimbursement and associated costs.

32 3. Federal moneys received by the state during the fiscal
33 year beginning July 1, 2026, as the result of the expenditure
34 of state moneys appropriated during a previous state fiscal
35 year for a service or activity funded under this section,

1 are appropriated to the department to be used as additional
2 moneys for services and purposes provided under this section.
3 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under this
4 subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
5 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
6 for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding
7 fiscal year.

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

13 b. Notwithstanding chapter 232 or any other provision of
14 law to the contrary, a district or juvenile court shall not
15 order any service which is a charge upon the state pursuant to
16 section 232.141, subsection 4, if the moneys allocated under
17 paragraph "a" for court-ordered services are insufficient to
18 pay for the service.

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

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

26 7. a. Of the moneys appropriated in this section,
27 \$39,823,955 is allocated for adoption subsidy payments and
28 related costs.

29 b. Any moneys remaining after the allocation under
30 paragraph "a" is designated and allocated as state savings
31 resulting from implementation of the federal Fostering
32 Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008,
33 Pub. L. No. 110-351, and successor legislation, as determined
34 in accordance with 42 U.S.C. §673(a)(8), and shall be used for
35 post-adoption services and for other purposes allowed under

1 those federal Acts and regulations, and Tit. IV-B or Tit. IV-E
2 of the federal Social Security Act.

3 8. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, a sufficient
4 amount is allocated to support training needs for child welfare
5 providers and to address disproportionality within the child
6 welfare system.

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

11 DIVISION VIII

12 STATE-OPERATED SPECIALTY CARE — FY 2026-2027

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

19 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
20 purposes at institutions under the jurisdiction of the
21 department of health and human services:

22 \$100,225,768

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

26 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, the following
27 amounts are allocated to each institution as follows:

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

29 \$ 19,878,962

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

31 \$ 23,760,205

32 c. For the civil commitment unit for sexual offenders at
33 Cherokee:

34 \$ 23,272,111

35 d. For the state resource center at Woodward:

1 \$ 12,567,092
 2 e. For the state training school at Eldora:
 3 \$ 19,805,171
 4 f. For outstanding obligations related to workers'
 5 compensation, the sick leave insurance program, unemployment,
 6 and other costs related to the closure of the state resource
 7 center at Glenwood:
 8 \$ 942,227

DIVISION IX

ADMINISTRATION AND COMPLIANCE — FY 2026-2027

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

18 For accountability, compliance, and program integrity,
 19 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
 20 purposes:
 21 \$ 23,087,834

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

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

DIVISION X

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

32 Sec. 21. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —
 33 TRANSFERS AND CASH FLOW.

34 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
 35 the department of health and human services may transfer moneys

1 appropriated in this Act to support continuing alignment
2 efforts, to maximize federal support in accordance with the
3 department's federal costs allocation plan, and to secure
4 resources necessary to implement and administer the services
5 for which moneys are appropriated. The department shall report
6 any transfers made pursuant to this subsection to the general
7 assembly.

8 2. If, due to ongoing cost management efforts,
9 appropriations under this Act for the Medicaid program
10 exceed the associated costs for the Medicaid program for the
11 fiscal year, the department may transfer any savings to the
12 appropriations made in this Act for health program operations,
13 or for accountability, compliance, and program integrity,
14 to defray the costs associated with ongoing cost management
15 efforts.

16 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
17 the department may transfer moneys appropriated under this Act
18 for child protective services to pay the nonfederal share costs
19 of services reimbursed under the medical assistance program,
20 state child care assistance program, or family investment
21 program which are provided to children who would otherwise
22 receive services paid by the appropriation for child protective
23 services.

24 4. The department may transfer moneys from the temporary
25 assistance for needy families block grant to the federal social
26 services block grant appropriation, and to the child care and
27 development block grant appropriation, in accordance with
28 federal law.

29 5. To the extent the department determines that moneys
30 appropriated under this Act, or allocated for a specific
31 purpose under this Act, will remain unencumbered or unobligated
32 at the close of the fiscal year, such unencumbered or
33 unobligated moneys may be used in the same fiscal year for any
34 other purpose for which the appropriated moneys may be used, or
35 for any other allocation within the same appropriation.

1 Sec. 22. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —
2 NONREVERSIONS.

3 1. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under
4 this Act from the general fund of the state and the temporary
5 assistance for needy families block grant to the department of
6 health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July
7 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, for the purposes of the
8 FaDSS grant program, that remain unencumbered or unobligated at
9 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
10 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
11 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

12 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, of the moneys appropriated
13 under this Act from the general fund of the state, the quality
14 assurance trust fund, and the hospital health care access trust
15 fund to the department of health and human services for the
16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,
17 for the purposes of the medical assistance program, the amount
18 in excess of actual expenditures for the medical assistance
19 program that remains unencumbered or unobligated at the close
20 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
21 for expenditure for the medical assistance program until the
22 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

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

33 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
34 this Act from the general fund of the state to the department
35 of health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July

1 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, for the Iowa commission
2 on volunteer service for programs and grants, that remain
3 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
4 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for
5 the purposes designated for subsequent fiscal years.

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

14 6. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated
15 under this Act from the general fund of the state to the
16 department of health and human services for the fiscal
17 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and
18 allocated for adoption subsidy payments and related costs, or
19 for post-adoption services and allowable related purposes,
20 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the
21 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
22 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
23 succeeding fiscal year.

24 7. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under
25 this Act from the general fund of the state to the department
26 of health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July
27 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and allocated for child
28 protective services, that remain unencumbered or unobligated at
29 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
30 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
31 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

32 DIVISION XI

33 REPORT ON NONREVERSION OF MONEYS

34 Sec. 23. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — REPORT
35 ON NONREVERSION OF MONEYS. The department of health and

1 human services shall report the expenditure of any moneys for
2 which nonreversion authorization was provided for the fiscal
3 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, to the
4 general assembly on a quarterly basis beginning October 1,
5 2026.

6 DIVISION XII
7 EMERGENCY RULES

8 Sec. 24. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES —
9 EMERGENCY RULES.

10 1. If necessary to comply with federal requirements,
11 including time frames, the department of health and human
12 services shall adopt administrative rules under section 17A.4,
13 subsection 3, and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b",
14 to implement the applicable provisions of this Act. The rules
15 shall be effective immediately upon filing unless a later date
16 is specified in the rules. Any rules adopted in accordance
17 with this section shall also be published as a notice of
18 intended action as provided in section 17A.4.

19 2. If the department of health and human services adopts
20 emergency rules in accordance with this section, or as
21 otherwise directed or authorized by state law, and the rules
22 will result in an increase in expenditures beyond the amount
23 anticipated in the budget for the fiscal year, or if the
24 expenditures were not addressed in the budget for the fiscal
25 year, the department shall notify the general assembly and the
26 department of management concerning the rules and the increase
27 in expenditures. The notification shall be provided at least
28 thirty calendar days prior to the date notice of the rules
29 is submitted to the administrative rules coordinator and the
30 administrative code editor.

31 DIVISION XIII
32 MORE OPTIONS FOR MATERNAL SUPPORT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
33 NONREVERSION

34 Sec. 25. [2025 Iowa Acts, chapter 169, section 27](#), is amended
35 by adding the following new subsection:

1 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys
2 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
3 department of health and human services for the fiscal year
4 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, for the more
5 options for maternal support program created in section 217.41C
6 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the
7 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
8 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
9 succeeding fiscal year.

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

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

14 DIVISION XIV

15 CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE DECATEGORYIZATION

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

18 2. *Membership.* ~~The department may authorize the governance~~
19 ~~boards of decategorization of child welfare and juvenile~~
20 ~~justice funding projects established under [section 232.188](#) to~~
21 ~~appoint the transition committee membership and may utilize~~
22 ~~the boundaries of decategorization projects to establish~~
23 ~~the service areas for transition committees. The committee~~
24 A committee's membership may include but is not limited to
25 department staff involved with foster care, child welfare,
26 and adult services, juvenile court services staff, staff
27 involved with county general assistance or emergency relief
28 under [chapter 251](#) or [252](#), school district and area education
29 agency staff involved with special education, and a child's
30 court appointed special advocate, guardian ad litem, service
31 providers, and other persons knowledgeable about the child.

32 Sec. 29. Section 237A.1, subsection 2, paragraph j,
33 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended by striking the
34 subparagraph.

35 Sec. 30. Section 249A.26, subsection 5, Code 2026, is

1 amended by striking the subsection.

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

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

5 Sec. 33. DECATEGORYIZATION CARRYOVER FUNDING.

6 1. For purposes of this section, unless the context
7 otherwise requires:

8 a. "Carryover funding" means unobligated or unencumbered
9 moneys described in section 232.188, subsection 5, paragraph
10 "b", Code 2026, at the close of the fiscal year beginning July
11 1, 2025.

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

14 c. "Funding pool" means the same as defined in section
15 232.188, Code 2026.

16 d. "Governance board" means the same as defined in section
17 232.188, Code 2026.

18 2. Carryover funding that remains in a funding pool at the
19 close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, which has been
20 encumbered or obligated by the governance board for a multiyear
21 service decategorization project for that fiscal year, shall
22 remain available for expenditure to ensure continuation of
23 such service or activity until the close of the fiscal year
24 beginning July 1, 2028, or until the close of the fiscal year
25 in which the service or activity is completed, whichever is
26 earlier.

27 3. Carryover funding that remains in a funding pool at the
28 end of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, which remains
29 unencumbered or unobligated by the governance board for a
30 multiyear service decategorization project for that fiscal
31 year, shall be appropriated to the department of health and
32 human services and juvenile court services proportionately
33 based on the percentage of moneys appropriated to each entity
34 by the general assembly for decategorization projects.

35 Sec. 34. EFFECTIVE DATE. The section of this division of

1 this Act related to decategorization carryover funding, being
2 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

3 Sec. 35. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. The section of this
4 division of this Act related to decategorization carryover
5 funding applies retroactively to July 1, 2025.

6 DIVISION XV

7 COMMITMENT OR HOSPITALIZATION OF CERTAIN PERSONS WITH SUBSTANCE
8 USE DISORDERS OR MENTAL ILLNESS

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

11 1. a. If a person filing an application requests that a
12 respondent be taken into immediate custody, and the court upon
13 reviewing the application and accompanying documentation, finds
14 probable cause to believe that the respondent is a person with
15 a substance use disorder who is likely to injure the person or
16 other persons if allowed to remain at liberty, the court may
17 enter a written order directing that the respondent be taken
18 into immediate custody by the sheriff, and be detained until
19 the commitment hearing, which shall be held no more than five
20 days after the date of the order, except that if the fifth
21 day after the date of the order is a Saturday, Sunday, or a
22 holiday, the hearing may be held on the next business day. The
23 court may order the respondent detained for the period of time
24 until the hearing is held, and no longer except as provided in
25 section 125.88, in accordance with subsection 2, paragraph "a",
26 if possible, and if not, then in accordance with subsection 2,
27 paragraph "b", or, only if neither of these alternatives is
28 available in accordance with subsection 2, paragraph "c".

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

35 Sec. 37. Section 229.2, subsection 1, paragraph b,

1 subparagraph (3), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

2 (3) As soon as is practicable after the filing of a
3 petition for juvenile court approval of the admission of the
4 minor, the juvenile court shall determine whether the minor
5 has an attorney to represent the minor in the hospitalization
6 proceeding, and if not, the court shall ~~assign to~~ appoint the
7 minor an attorney pursuant to section 815.10. If the minor is
8 financially unable to pay for an attorney, the attorney shall
9 be compensated by an administrative services organization at an
10 hourly rate to be established by the administrative services
11 organization in substantially the same manner as provided in
12 section 815.7.

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

15 1. Determine whether the respondent has an attorney
16 who is able and willing to represent the respondent in the
17 hospitalization proceeding, and if not, whether the respondent
18 is financially able to employ an attorney and capable of
19 meaningfully assisting in selecting one. In accordance with
20 those determinations, the court shall if necessary allow
21 the respondent to select, or pursuant to section 815.10
22 shall ~~assign to~~ appoint the respondent, an attorney. If the
23 respondent is financially unable to pay an attorney, the
24 attorney shall be compensated by an administrative services
25 organization at an hourly rate to be established by the
26 administrative services organization in substantially the same
27 manner as provided in section 815.7.

28 Sec. 39. Section 229.10, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
29 2026, is amended to read as follows:

30 a. An examination of the respondent shall be conducted by
31 one or more licensed physicians or mental health professionals,
32 as required by the court's order, within a reasonable time.
33 If the respondent is detained pursuant to section 229.11,
34 subsection 1, paragraph ~~"b"~~ "a", subparagraph (2), the
35 examination shall be conducted within twenty-four hours.

1 If the respondent is detained pursuant to section 229.11,
2 subsection 1, paragraph "a" or "~~c~~", subparagraph (1) or (3), the
3 examination shall be conducted within forty-eight hours. If
4 the respondent so desires, the respondent shall be entitled to
5 a separate examination by a licensed physician or mental health
6 professional of the respondent's own choice. The reasonable
7 cost of the examinations shall, if the respondent lacks
8 sufficient funds to pay the cost, be paid by an administrative
9 services organization upon order of the court.

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

12 1. a. If the applicant requests that the respondent be
13 taken into immediate custody and the judge, upon reviewing the
14 application and accompanying documentation, finds probable
15 cause to believe that the respondent has a serious mental
16 impairment and is likely to injure the respondent or other
17 persons if allowed to remain at liberty, the judge may enter
18 a written order directing that the respondent be taken into
19 immediate custody by the sheriff or the sheriff's deputy
20 and be detained until the hospitalization hearing. The
21 hospitalization hearing shall be held no more than five days
22 after the date of the order, except that if the fifth day after
23 the date of the order is a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the
24 hearing may be held on the next succeeding business day. ~~If~~
25 ~~the expenses of a respondent are payable in whole or in part~~
26 ~~by an administrative services organization, for a placement~~
27 ~~in accordance with paragraph "a", the judge shall give notice~~
28 ~~of the placement to an administrative services organization,~~
29 ~~and for a placement in accordance with paragraph "b" or "c",~~
30 ~~the judge shall order the placement in a hospital or facility~~
31 ~~designated by an administrative services organization. The~~
32 judge may order the respondent detained for the period of time
33 until the hearing is held, and no longer, in accordance with
34 paragraph "a" subparagraph (1), if possible, and if not then
35 in accordance with paragraph "b" subparagraph (2), or, only if

1 neither of these alternatives is available, in accordance with
2 ~~paragraph "c"~~ subparagraph (3). Detention may be in any of the
3 following:

4 ~~a-~~ (1) In the custody of a relative, friend, or other
5 suitable person who is willing to accept responsibility for
6 supervision of the respondent, and the respondent may be placed
7 under such reasonable restrictions as the judge may order
8 including but not limited to restrictions on or a prohibition
9 of any expenditure, encumbrance, or disposition of the
10 respondent's funds or property.

11 ~~b-~~ (2) In a suitable hospital the chief medical officer of
12 which shall be informed of the reasons why immediate custody
13 has been ordered and may provide treatment which is necessary
14 to preserve the respondent's life, or to appropriately control
15 behavior by the respondent which is likely to result in
16 physical injury to the respondent or to others if allowed
17 to continue, but may not otherwise provide treatment to the
18 respondent without the respondent's consent.

19 ~~e-~~ (3) In the nearest facility in the community which is
20 licensed to care for persons with mental illness or substance
21 use disorder, provided that detention in a jail or other
22 facility intended for confinement of those accused or convicted
23 of crime shall not be ordered.

24 b. The county in which a respondent is taken into immediate
25 custody by the sheriff pursuant to paragraph "a" shall
26 compensate the sheriff, as determined by the county board of
27 supervisors of that county and consistent with section 331.655,
28 subsection 1, paragraph "1", for conveyance of the respondent
29 to a detention location.

30 3. If a respondent is detained pursuant to [subsection 1](#),
31 paragraph "~~b~~" or "~~e~~" "["a"](#), subparagraph (2) or (3), the sheriff
32 or the sheriff's deputy that took the respondent into immediate
33 custody may inform the hospital or facility that an arrest
34 warrant has been issued for or charges are pending against the
35 respondent and may request the hospital or facility to notify

1 the sheriff or the sheriff's deputy about the discharge of the
2 respondent prior to discharge.

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

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

16 Sec. 42. Section 815.9, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
17 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

18 For purposes of [this chapter, chapters 13B, 125, 229, 229A,](#)
19 [232, 665, 812, 814, and 822, and section 811.1A,](#) and the rules
20 of criminal procedure, a person is indigent if the person is
21 entitled to an attorney appointed by the court as follows:

22 DIVISION XVI

23 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

24 Sec. 43. Section 144.13A, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
25 2026, is amended to read as follows:

26 a. Ten dollars of each registration fee is appropriated and
27 shall be used for ~~primary and secondary~~ child abuse prevention
28 ~~programs pursuant to [section 235A.1](#),~~ and ten dollars of each
29 registration fee is appropriated and shall be used for the
30 congenital and inherited disorders central registry established
31 pursuant to [section 136A.6](#). Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#),
32 moneys appropriated in this paragraph that remain unencumbered
33 or 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, and

1 shall not be transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or
2 otherwise encumbered except as provided in this paragraph.

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

5 **422.12K Income tax checkoff for child abuse prevention**
6 ~~program fund.~~

7 1. A person who files an individual or a joint income tax
8 return with the department of revenue under [section 422.13](#) may
9 designate one dollar or more to be paid to the ~~child abuse~~
10 ~~prevention program~~ early childhood and family services system
11 fund created in section ~~235A.2~~ 234A.6, to be used for the
12 purpose of child abuse prevention. If the refund due on the
13 return or the payment remitted with the return is insufficient
14 to pay the additional amount designated by the taxpayer to
15 the ~~child abuse prevention program~~ early childhood and family
16 services system fund, the amount designated shall be reduced to
17 the remaining amount remitted with the return. The designation
18 of a contribution to the ~~child abuse prevention program~~ early
19 childhood and family services system fund under [this section](#)
20 is irrevocable.

21 2. The director of revenue shall draft the income tax form
22 to allow the designation of contributions to the ~~child abuse~~
23 ~~prevention program~~ early childhood and family services system
24 fund on the tax return. The department of revenue, on or
25 before January 31, shall transfer the total amount designated
26 on the tax return forms due in the preceding calendar year to
27 the ~~child abuse prevention program~~ early childhood and family
28 services system fund. However, before a checkoff pursuant
29 to [this section](#) shall be permitted, all liabilities on the
30 books of the department and accounts identified as owing under
31 section 421.65 shall be satisfied.

32 3. The department of health and human services may authorize
33 payment of moneys from the ~~child abuse prevention program~~ early
34 childhood and family services system fund for the purpose
35 of child abuse prevention in accordance with section ~~235A.2~~

1 234A.6.

2 4. The department of revenue shall adopt rules to administer
3 this section.

4 5. **This section** is subject to repeal under **section 422.12E.**

5 Sec. 45. REPEAL. Sections 235A.1, 235A.2, and 235A.3, Code
6 2026, are repealed.

7 Sec. 46. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUND — TRANSFER
8 OF MONEYS. Any unencumbered or unobligated moneys remaining
9 in the child abuse prevention program fund created in section
10 235A.2, on June 30, 2026, shall be transferred to the early
11 childhood and family services system fund created in section
12 234A.6, if created by enactment of 2026 Iowa Acts, House File
13 2712 or Senate File 2462, or successor legislation. If no such
14 fund is enacted, the moneys shall be transferred to the early
15 intervention and supports appropriation in this Act.

16 Sec. 47. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this
17 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon
18 enactment if 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2712 or Senate File
19 2462, or successor legislation, is enacted.

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DIVISION XVII

21

COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

22 Sec. 48. NEW SECTION. **231.80 Comprehensive family support**
23 **program.**

24 1. For the purposes of this section, unless the context
25 otherwise requires:

26 a. *“Comprehensive family support”* means services and
27 supports that assist families caring for an individual with
28 a disability who is a member of the family, including but
29 not limited to programs, services, parent-to-parent support,
30 assistive devices, and various adaptations that allow an
31 individual with a disability to participate more fully in
32 family and community life.

33 b. (1) *“Family”* means a group of interdependent persons
34 living in the same household. A family consists of an
35 individual with a disability and any of the following:

1 (a) The individual's parent.

2 (b) The individual's sibling.

3 (c) The individual's grandparent, aunt, or uncle.

4 (d) The individual's legal custodian.

5 (e) A person providing short-term foster care to the
6 individual with a disability subject to a case permanency plan
7 that provides for reunification between the individual and the
8 individual's parent.

9 (2) "*Family*" does not include a person who is employed
10 to provide services to an individual with a disability in an
11 out-of-home setting, including but not limited to a hospital,
12 nursing facility, personal care home, board and care home,
13 group foster care home, or other institutional setting.

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

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

27 2. A comprehensive family support program is created under
28 the purview of the department to provide a statewide system of
29 services and support to eligible families. The program shall
30 be implemented in a manner that enables a family member of an
31 individual with a disability to identify the needed services
32 and support.

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

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

1 *b.* The family intends for the family member who is an
2 individual with a disability to remain living in the family's
3 home.

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

6 4. A family may apply to the department or to a family
7 support center for assistance under the comprehensive family
8 support program. The department or family support center shall
9 determine eligibility for the comprehensive family support
10 program in accordance with subsection 3.

11 5. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
12 17A to implement the comprehensive family support program.
13 The comprehensive family support program must do all of the
14 following:

15 *a.* To the extent possible, incorporate in the application
16 process the eligibility determination processes that the
17 department uses for other disability services programs.

18 *b.* Ensure the ability of families to maintain control of
19 decisions which affect an individual with a disability who is a
20 member of a family.

21 *c.* Utilize existing local agencies to provide facilities and
22 a single entry point for program applicants.

23 *d.* Ensure services and support are provided in a timely
24 manner and emergency access to needed services and support is
25 provided.

26 *e.* Ensure technical assistance is provided to providers and
27 users of services and support.

28 *f.* Utilize state, regional, and local media to publicize the
29 program.

30 *g.* Incorporate a process to appeal the department's or
31 family support center's denial of services and support to a
32 family under the program, including reasonable efforts by the
33 department to utilize telecommunications in the appeal process.

34 *h.* Identify the services and support, and service provider
35 components, included in the program.

1 *i.* Upon request by a family member, provide a family with
2 assistance in locating a service provider.

3 *j.* Make payment for services and support directly to
4 families by voucher or other appropriate means.

5 *k.* Utilize a voucher system for payment for the family
6 support center component of the program under subsection 7.

7 6. Services and support provided under the comprehensive
8 family support program shall not be used to supplant other
9 services and support available to a family of an individual
10 with a disability but shall be used to meet family needs that
11 will not be met without the program.

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

23 8. The comprehensive family support program shall be funded
24 by appropriations made by the general assembly for purposes of
25 the program. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated
26 for the comprehensive family support program under this section
27 that remain unobligated or unexpended at the close of each
28 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
29 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
30 immediately succeeding fiscal year.

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

35 Sec. 50. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being

1 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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

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DIVISION XVIII

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CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AND ADOPTION SUBSIDY EXPENDITURE

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PROJECTIONS

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

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill makes appropriations from the general fund of

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the state to the department of veterans affairs and to the

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department of health and human services (HHS) for FY 2026-2027.

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The appropriations from the general fund of the state to the

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department of veterans affairs include appropriations for

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administration, the Iowa veterans home, and the home ownership

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assistance program. The appropriations from the general

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fund of the state to HHS include appropriations for aging

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and disability services; behavioral health; public health;

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community access and eligibility including for child support

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services; the medical assistance program, state supplementary

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assistance, the healthy and well kids in Iowa (Hawki) program,

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and other specified health-related programs including health

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program operations; reimbursement rates; family well-being

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and protection including state child care assistance, early

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intervention and supports, and child protective services;

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state-operated specialty care; and administration and

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compliance.

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The bill also makes appropriations to HHS from the sports

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wagering receipts fund, the pharmaceutical settlement account,

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the quality assurance trust fund, the hospital health care

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access trust fund, and behavioral health fund. In addition,

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the bill appropriates to HHS the moneys received by the state

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under the federal temporary assistance for needy families block

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grant.

1 The bill includes transfer, cash flow, and nonreversion
2 provisions, emergency rulemaking authority, and reporting
3 requirements.

4 The bill eliminates child welfare and juvenile justice
5 decategorization initiative projects and appropriates carryover
6 funding to HHS and juvenile court services.

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

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

19 The bill creates a comprehensive family support program.

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