

**Senate Study Bill 3141 - Introduced**

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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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:

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

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

4 1. ~~The department of inspections, appeals, and licensing,~~  
5 in cooperation with other appropriate agencies, shall establish  
6 a procedure to allow a person who is certified as a medication  
7 aide in another state to become certified in this state upon  
8 completion and passage of both the certified nurse aide and  
9 certified medication aide challenge examinations, without  
10 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  
30 aide challenge examination to be administered by an  
31 area community college shall also authorize other  
32 department-approved competency evaluation programs to  
33 administer a department-approved medication aide challenge  
34 examination.

35 b. A rule which states that before a nursing student

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

7 *c.* Any rules necessary to ensure consistency in all  
8 provisions relating to certified medication aide training and  
9 qualifications.

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

16 *a.* A rule authorizing a department-approved medication  
17 aide challenge examination to be administered by an  
18 area community college shall also authorize other  
19 department-approved competency evaluation programs to  
20 administer a department-approved medication aide challenge  
21 examination.

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

29 *c.* Any rules necessary to ensure consistency in all  
30 provisions relating to certified medication aide training and  
31 qualifications.

32 Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

33 1. Rescission of administrative rules.

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

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

3 (2) 481 Iowa administrative code, rule 58.21, subrule 6,  
4 paragraph "d", subparagraph (4).

5 (3) 481 Iowa administrative code, rule 58.21, subrule 6,  
6 paragraph "e", unnumbered paragraph 2.

7 (4) 481 Iowa administrative code, rule 65.17, subrule 1,  
8 paragraph "c".

9 (5) 481 Iowa administrative code, rule 65.17, subrule 1,  
10 paragraph "d", subparagraph (4).

11 b. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2026, the Iowa  
12 administrative code editor shall remove the language of the  
13 Iowa administrative rules referenced in paragraph "a" from the  
14 Iowa administrative code.

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

19 EXPLANATION

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

22 This bill relates to certified medication aides (medication  
23 aides).

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

33 Under current law, a medication aide includes certain  
34 persons responsible for administering nonparenteral medications  
35 at nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for

1 persons with mental illness. The bill requires DIAL to  
2 adopt rules that include specified provisions relating to  
3 qualifications of medication aides. The specified provisions  
4 relate to procedures for DIAL-approved medication aide courses  
5 and DIAL-approved medication aide challenge examinations. The  
6 bill also requires DIAL to adopt any rules necessary to ensure  
7 consistency in all provisions relating to medication aide  
8 training and qualifications at such facilities.

9 The bill rescinds specified DIAL rules relating to  
10 DIAL-approved medication aide courses and DIAL-approved  
11 medication aide challenge examinations for medication aides at  
12 such care facilities.

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