

Economic Assistance Division

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This division is responsible for policy and program development for services providing financial support including Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Food Stamps, Emergency Assistance, Aid to Indians, and Iowa's welfare reform initiative—PROMISE (Promoting Independence and Self-sufficiency through Employment).

Medical Services Division

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This division is responsible for the Medicaid Program (Title XIX) which covers medical and health care costs for needy persons residing in medical institutions, persons receiving financial assistance, or individuals eligible for services such as foster care. The division also administers the State Supplementary Assistance program for those receiving arrangements such as residential care facilities.

Mental Health, Mental Retardation Commission, State

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MARILEE FREDERICKS, at-large representative, Des Moines; term expires 1993
 MYRON GOOKIN, at-large representative, Fairfield; term expires 1991
 GLENDA D. GORSH, at-large representative, Boone; term expires 1992
 THOMAS W. HANSEN, at-large representative, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1991
 FRANK HERMSEN, at-large representative, Carroll; term expires 1993
 KENISTON HOPPENWORTH, at-large representative, Tripoli; term expires 1991
 ORIN HUSEMAN, County Board of Supervisors, Rock Rapids; term expires 1991
 SID MORRIS, JR., at-large representative, Cedar Falls; term expires 1991
 JEAN E. OXLEY, County Board of Supervisors, Marion; term expires 1992
 BEVERLY JANE PANGBURN, County Board of Supervisors, Northwood; term expires 1993
 BEVERLY ANN SANDERSON, MH/MR Coordinating Board Member, Winterset; term expires 1993
 SHARON K. SMITH, MH/MR Coordinating Board Member, Bloomfield; term expires 1992
 JAMES A. THOMAS, at-large representative, Glenwood; term expires 1992
 KAREN A. VOSSBERG, Mental Health representative, Marion; term expires 1992

The commission was established by the 1981 session of the 69th General Assembly and became effective January 1, 1982. The governor appoints the commission with Senate approval. At least four must be county supervisors at the time of their appointment and at least two must be members of a county mental health and mental retardation coordinating board at the time of their appointment. There must be a representative of mental health and one for mental retardation. The remaining members are considered to be at-large.

The commission's responsibilities include: advising the division on the administration of the state plans; annually submitting a report to the governor and General Assembly concerning the activities and recommendations of the commission; beginning in 1985, biannually submitting a report on the availability and cost effectiveness of services; meeting with the governor's Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities at least twice a year; adopting standards for the accreditation of Community Mental Health Centers; adopting standards for the care of and services to mentally ill and mentally retarded persons in county care facilities; adopting standards for the maintenance and operation of public and private facilities serving mentally ill or mentally retarded persons, that are not licensed by the Department of Health; awarding grants; and advising the division, the Council on Human Services, the governor, and the General Assembly on budgets and appropriations.

Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Division

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This division was established on January 1, 1982, by combining the former Division