



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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FROM: Merea Bentrott, Policy Advisor

TO: General Assembly

DATE: November 27, 2017

RE: Compliance with federal regulations regarding medical support.

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In December 2016, the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families released final regulations that require states to consider public health coverage as an adequate health benefit plan when determining a medical support obligation. Chapter 252E does not currently include public coverage in the definition of a health benefit plan. This proposal includes amendments to add definitions of cash medical support, health care coverage, and public coverage, and includes public coverage in the health benefit plan definition. It also redefines how the Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU) orders medical support.

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