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HOUSE FILE 586  
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 110)

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By UPMEYER of Hancock

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THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR  
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
KEVIN W. CONCANNON, DIRECTOR

TO: Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Kate Walton, Legislative Liaison *KW*  
Iowa Department of Human Services

DATE: January 11, 2005

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) is proposing the creation of a task force to examine implementation issues concerning the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act for Iowa.

The task force would include four members of the general assembly and representatives from three state agencies (Human Services, Health, and Elder Affairs), and would be staffed by the Department of Human Services.

The task force will gather information about significant issues relating this new Medicare Drug benefit, and make a report including recommendations to the 81<sup>st</sup> Iowa General Assembly to guide Iowa's response to the implementation of the new Prescription Drug benefit.

A significant number of Iowans will be eligible for prescription drug benefits under the new Medicare Prescription Drug program. For some, the new program may result in medication changes from those they currently take. The task force will consider the policy and budgetary issues involved, including consideration of a Medicare Prescription Drug wraparound program funded by the state of Iowa to reduce the impact of potential changes in beneficiary eligibility for coverage of some current medications.

The task force will provide an important opportunity for the legislature to become fully informed of the implications of the new federal program, the impact to citizens of Iowa, and of the choices Iowa will have around the implementation of the new program.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at 281-4387 or at [kwalton@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:kwalton@dhs.state.ia.us).