

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to criteria for awards or grants  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 176, “Criteria for Awards or Grants,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapter 17A.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapters 17A and 135 and Executive Order 10 (January 10, 2023).

*Purpose and Summary*

This chapter describes legacy Department of Public Health procedures for the competitive awarding of funds to entities throughout the state in support of public health programs. However, this chapter is outdated upon implementation of the government realignment in 2023 Iowa Acts, Senate File 514. HHS competitive procurement procedures have been merged across the legacy departments and are recorded in the HHS’s internal policy, with the exception of rule 641—176.7(135,17A) related to the HHS’s use of Iowa grants. Rule 641—176.7(135,17A) will be moved to the appropriate chapter in HHS rules under agency number [441].

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the HHS for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 441—Chapter 6.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rulemaking. Written comments in response to this rulemaking must be received by the HHS no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 15, 2024. Comments should be directed to:

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Lucas State Office Building  
321 East 12th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
Phone: 515.304.0963  
Email: [compliancerules@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:compliancerules@idph.iowa.gov)

*Public Hearing*

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

April 10, 2024  
11 to 11:30 a.m.

Microsoft Teams meeting ID: 266 326 244 672  
Passcode: RSVaFR

April 15, 2024  
12 noon 12:30 p.m.

Microsoft Teams meeting ID: 260 668 126 347  
Passcode: jcaKdL

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the HHS and advise of specific needs.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **641—Chapter 176**.