



Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Legislative Budget Presentation – Fiscal Year 2024

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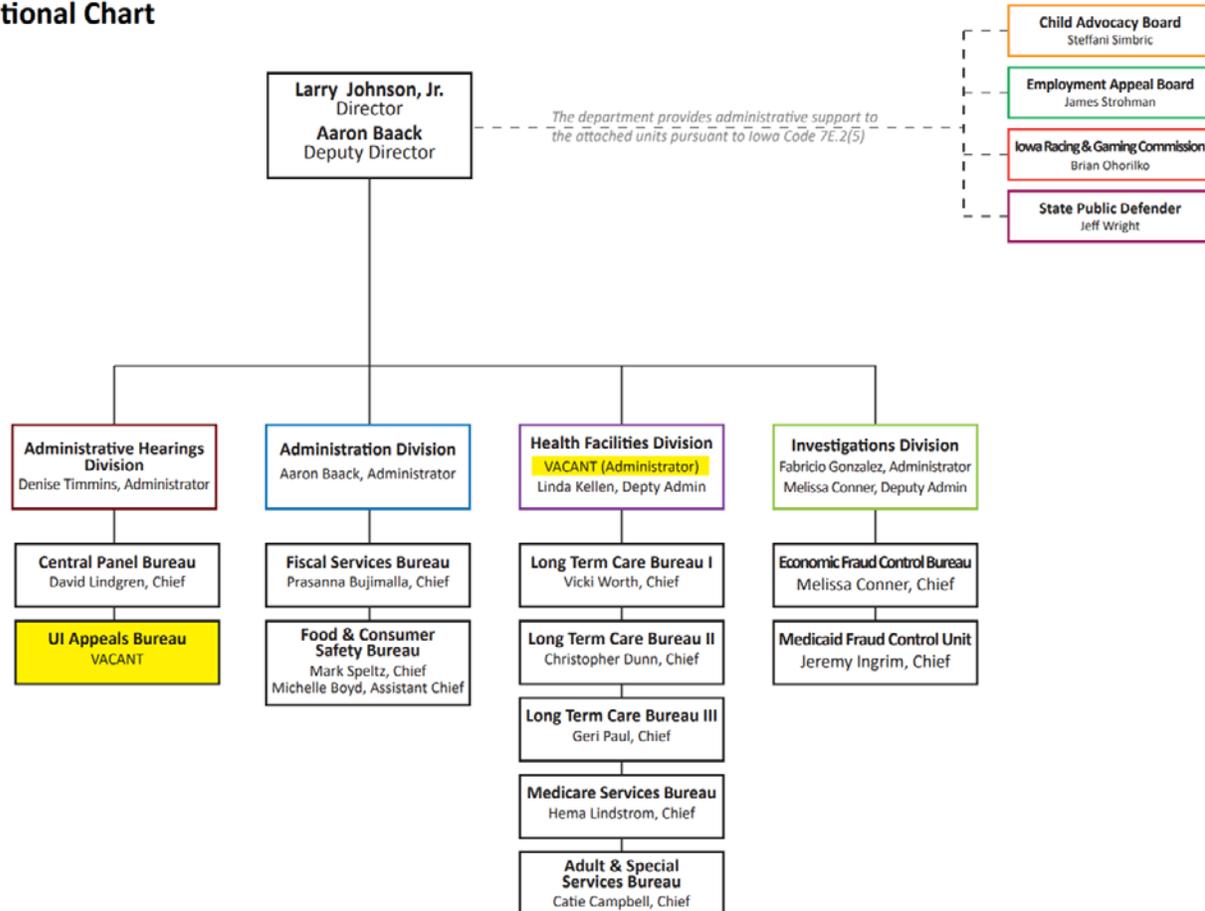
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Table of Organization

Iowa Department of
INSPECTIONS & APPEALS
 Department Organizational Chart



DIA is a multi-faceted regulatory agency charged with protecting the health, safety, and well-being of Iowans. The department was created in 1986 to coordinate and conduct various audits, appeals, hearings, inspections, and investigations related to the operations of executive branch of Iowa State government. DIA staff are responsible for inspecting and licensing or certifying health care providers and suppliers, restaurants and grocery stores, social and charitable gambling operations, and hotels and motels. In addition, DIA staff investigate alleged fraud in the State's public assistance programs, and conducts contested case hearings to settle disputes between Iowans and various State and local agencies.

FY 2024 Budget

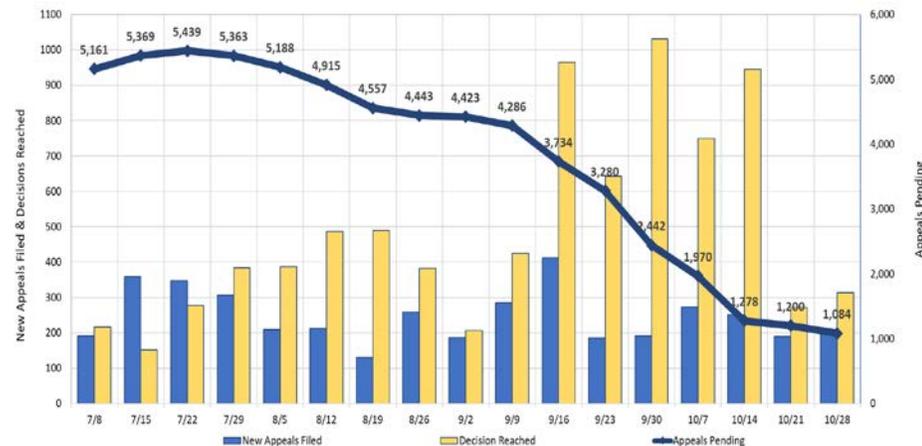
Employment Appeal Board	38,865
DIA Administration	545,733
Administrative Hearings	624,374
Investigations	2,335,992
Health Facilities	4,862,971
Food and Consumer Safety	571,026

Complete Governor Recommended Budget, including realignment, on page 80

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Administrative Hearings

- ▶ Two bureaus: Central Panel and Unemployment Insurance Appeals
- ▶ Funding sources: General Fund and bills agencies directly for work.
- ▶ IT projects: Launched e-filing system and made enhancements.
- ▶ Central Panel hears contested cases for all state agencies except: Board of Parole, Corrections, Workers Compensation
- ▶ IWD Unemployment Insurance Appeals: Came as a Bureau under DIA on July 8, 2022
 - ▶ Reduced a 5,400 case backlog in 3 months



Health Facilities Division

- ▶ Budget: General fund appropriation for state licensing (Assisted Living) and the state match for federal certified/ deemed facilities (LTC, Hospitals, ESRD, Home Health, etc).
- ▶ Technology: Launched database and Direct Care Worker Registry
- ▶ Surveys:
 - ▶ All survey work prior to COVID-19 pandemic: initials, recertification, complaint, revisits
 - ▶ Plus: Focused Infection Control Surveys and backlog surveys due CMS survey suspension
 - ▶ CARES Act funding for backlog surveys (DIA issued a RFP for CMS-certified contractors) General Fund appropriation of \$318,900 (good for two years) matched \$ 2,277,833 in federal funding.

HF 2521: An Act Relating to Health Care Employment Agencies, and Providing Penalties

(Proposed legislation ___ for technical cleanup)

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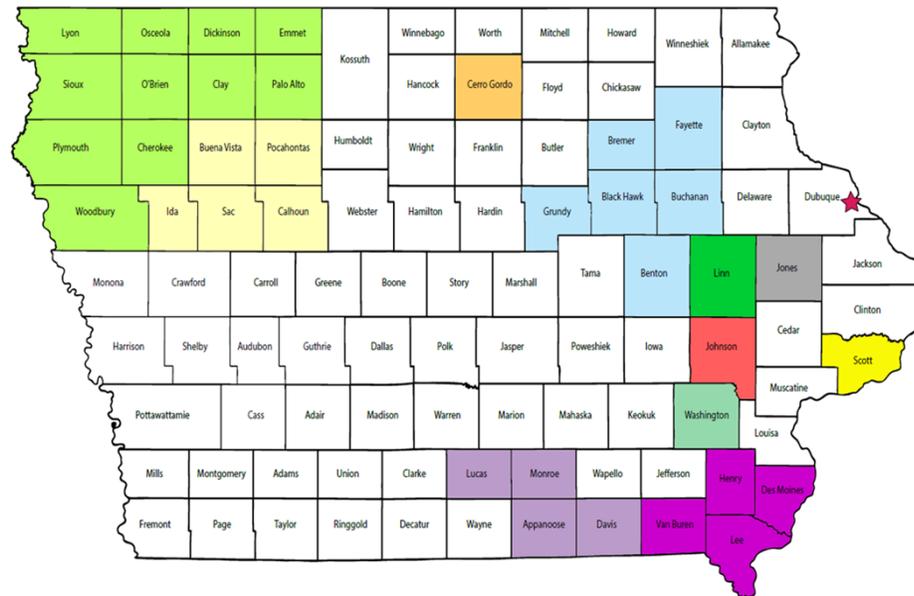
Health care employment agency requirements

The 89th Iowa General Assembly [passed new legislation \(House File 2521\)](#) during the 2022 session requiring health care employment agencies that provide direct care staff to certain health care facilities in Iowa to register with DIA and pay an annual registration fee. The department's administrative rules ([Iowa Administrative Code 481-55](#)) for the newly-created Iowa Code 135Q have been finalized and the new rules implementing HF2521 go into effect beginning Jan. 4, 2023.

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Food Safety Bureau

- ▶ Funding: Fees and Initial General Fund appropriation of \$571,026 with a payback of \$800,000
- ▶ IT: Partnership with Dept. of Revenue, Lottery, and ABD for license applications
- ▶ Collaboration for new case management system with 22 other States' Food Safety Programs



Investigations

- ▶ DIA investigates reported instances of Medicaid fraud in order to prevent the abuse of taxpayer resources. Criminal investigators, auditors, and attorneys are all a part of the investigations DIA conducts in order to determine if fraudulent activity has taken place. Cases are referred to DIA by the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS).
- ▶ Budget is comprised of General Fund and Federal Match

Realignment: Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing

- ▶ Division of Workers' Compensation
- ▶ Licensing Division
 - ▶ Professional and Occupational (HHS and Banking)
 - ▶ Building and Construction (State Fire Marshal, HHS, and Labor)
- ▶ Division of Labor
- ▶ Health and Safety Division
 - ▶ Current Health Facilities Division and Food Safety Bureau
 - ▶ State Fire Marshal's Fire Prevention Bureau and HHS' Tattoo, Tanning, and Swimming Pool
- ▶ Programs: Consumable Hemp to HHS
- ▶ Attached Units: Child Advocacy Board to HHS and Civil Rights Commission to DIAL

Thank you

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