

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT [441]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 79, “Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment clarifies that, in documentation for Medicaid services billed using time-related Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, the total amount of time spent on the service shall be recorded rather than beginning and ending times. The Department intends that the Medicaid policy shall be consistent with Medicare policy in this regard. Consistency between the programs allows greater efficiency for providers.

This amendment does not provide for waivers because all providers should be subject to the same documentation requirements. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

Notice of Intended Action on this amendment was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 26, 2009, as **ARC 8084B**. The Department received two comments on the Notice of Intended Action, questioning how this change would be applied and whether it could lead to inaccurate billing. This amendment is identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Council on Human Services adopted this amendment on October 14, 2009.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4B.

This amendment shall become effective on December 9, 2009.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subparagraph **79.3(2)“c”(3)**, numbered paragraph **“3,”** as follows:

3. The complete time of the service, including the beginning and ending time if the service is billed on a time-related basis. For those time-related services billed using Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, the total time of the service shall be recorded, rather than the beginning and ending time.