

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT [441]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 217.6, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 150, "Purchase of Service," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments:

- Implement a decrease in the reimbursement rate for supervised apartment living services provided from January 1, 2010, to June 30, 2010. During this period, the maximum reimbursement shall be the rates in effect on December 1, 2009, reduced by 5 percent. This reduction is necessary to achieve the savings require by Executive Order 19, which mandated a 10 percent across-the-board cut in expenditures.
- Clarify that rates will not be adjusted if a provider adds a new service. The initial reimbursement rate for any new service shall be based upon actual and allowable costs.

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations. Needed savings will not be realize if waivers are granted. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department's general rule on exceptions at 441--1.8(17A,217).

These amendments were also Adopted and Filed Emergency and are published herein as **ARC 8447B**. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comment on that submission, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before February 2, 2010. Comments should be directed to Mary Ellen Imlau, Bureau of Policy

Analysis and Appeals, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by E-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 234.6 and Executive Order 19.