

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 152, "Foster Group Care Contracting," Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment implements a decrease in the reimbursement rates for foster group care provided from January 1, 2010, to June 30, 2010. During this period, the maximum reimbursement shall be the rate in effect on December 31, 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.

This amendment does 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).

This amendment was also Adopted and Filed Emergency and is published herein as **ARC 8449B**. 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 amendment 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.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 234.6 and Executive Order

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