

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 237.3 and 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2463, sections 43 and 45, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 156, “Payments for Foster Care,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments will add minimum foster group care payment rates, as required by the appropriation to the Department in 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2463, section 43. The minimum reimbursement rates became effective July 1, 2014.

The amount shown in new paragraph 156.9(1)“e” for the rate for service level, community - D1, is slightly higher than the minimum amount in 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2463, because the funding provided for D1 in the Department’s appropriation for foster group care supports this slightly higher rate.

Current rule allows an additional amount to cover the maintenance needs of a young child when a foster group care facility provides foster care for a mother with her young child. These amendments clarify that the additional amount is in addition to the minimum reimbursement rates effective July 1, 2014.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before July 29, 2014. Comments should be directed to Harry Rossander, Bureau of Policy Coordination, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, Fifth Floor, 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 do not provide for waivers in specified situations because the legislation does not specifically allow for waivers. Requests for 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 1523C**. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comment on that submission, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference.

The Administrative Rules Review Committee reviewed this Notice of Intended Action in conjunction with **ARC 1523C** on June 10, 2014.

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

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 237.3 and 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2463, sections 43 and 45.