

Comments and Responses on ARC 2550C
Human Services Department Rule 441—25.117(135G) to 441—25.118(135G)
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The following person/organization provided written comments, which are included in the summary below:

1. Doug Struyk, Carney and Appleby, PLC – representing Iowa Council of Health Care Centers

The Department received 3 comments from one respondent on the proposed rules. The comments and corresponding responses from the Department are as follows:

1. Under the type of license contemplated by the rules, facilities would be required to take individuals who have set fires, have assaulted other patients, and/or are sexual predators. There has yet to be a change in the rules on how facilities are to handle individuals with these types of known behaviors.
2. With the move towards PRN medications, our facilities would most likely need a psychiatrist in the building at all times or at a minimum have a psychiatrist available on call 24/7.
3. There is significant expense and exposure to liability to any facility that handles these individuals. There has been no discussion on increased reimbursement rates for facilities that choose to participate.

Department Response:

These questions are not applicable to these rules. The Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) is responsible for setting the standards and licensing subacute care facilities. There were no changes made to the rules.