



Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Council Member:

There are no rules presented for adoption at the August 10, 2016 meeting for the Council on Human Services.

The following amendments to rules are presented as Notices of Intended Action for review by the Council:

N-1. Amendments to Chapters 105, 113, 114, and 202, regarding Child Abuse, Child Welfare , and Foster Care. These amendments implement the federal law, "Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act." These amendments also update language regarding liability of foster parents and add new requirements about annual fire inspections and building codes. Finally, these amendments change the requirement for provision of transition plan documents to any child leaving foster care at the age of 18 or older.

N-2. Amendments to Chapter 175, regarding Child Abuse. These amendments implement the federal law, "Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (P.L. 114-22)," which requires state child protective agencies to consider a child to be a victim of "child abuse and neglect: and of "sexual abuse" if the child is identified as being a victim of sex trafficking or a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons. These amendments also require individuals who patronize or solicit persons for a commercial sex act to be equally culpable for sex trafficking offenses.

A copy of each of these rules is enclosed.

Also enclosed is the monthly rules-in-process spreadsheet detailing all rules currently in process for implementation within SFY 2017.

Sincerely,

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