November 30, 2017

Dear Council Member:

The following amendment to administrative rules is presented for adoption at the December 13, 2017 meeting for the Council on Human Services.

R-1. Amendments to Chapters 51 and 52, State Supplemental Assistance (SSA). Implements January 1, 2018 cost of living adjustments to income limits and benefit amounts for several SSA categories. This rule amendment is being Adopted and Filed Emergency. Noticed rule N-1 below is being filed as a Notice of Intended Action to allow for public comment.

R-2. Amendments to Chapter 74, Medicaid. Amends definition of “Medical home” and adds definitions of “Personal provider,” “Primary care provider,” and “Primary medical provider.”

R-3. Amendments to Chapters 74, 75, and 76, Medicaid. Eliminates the three-month retroactive benefit provisions for initial applications and applications to add new households with the exception of two special populations, pregnant mothers, and infants.

R-4. Amendments to Chapters 75 and 76, Medicaid. Removes the references to “medical assistance for family planning services” which refers to Medicaid under the Family Planning Network waiver. This rule amendment was Adopted and Filed Emergency at the September 13, 2017 meeting.

R-5. Amendments to Chapters 77, 78, and 79, Medicaid and Mental Health Services. Clarifies services covered and provides standards for operation for Medicaid crisis response providers. Also establishes a process to enroll and reimburse qualified subacute mental health facility providers.

R-6. Amendments to Chapter 78, Medicaid. Allows hospice agencies to use the Medicare election of hospice benefits as an alternative to using the election of Medicaid hospice benefits.

R-7. Amendments to Chapter 78, Medicaid. Revises language used to describe Home- and Community-Based Services Home-delivered meal benefit in order to provide clarity on how the benefit is to be administered.

R-8. Amendments to Chapter 79, Medicaid. Allows Medicaid providers to provide narrative documentation of service in a checkbox form format. These amendments were also Adopted and Filed Emergency at the September 13, 2017 meeting.
**R-9.** Amendments to Chapter 109, Child Care. Allows programs serving children who are 3 years old and receiving special education under Iowa Code 265B to be exempt from child care licensing.

**R-10.** Amendments to Chapters 109, 110, and 120, Child Care. Establishes parameters on weapons being present in a child care setting.

**R-11.** Amendments to Chapters 109, 110, and 120, Child Care. Implements requirements for federally-mandated professional development for child care homes that are not registered but have a child care assistance agreement. Also provides enhancements to sleep practices to assure that children who are sleeping in child care facilities are using items designed for sleeping which meet CPSC and ASTM requirements.

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

**N-1.** Amendments to Chapters 51 and 52, State Supplemental Assistance (SSA). Implements January 1, 2018 cost of living adjustments to income limits and benefit amounts for several SSA categories. This rule amendment is being Adopted and Filed Emergency (See R-1. Above).

**N-2.** Amendments to Chapters 81 and 82, Medicaid. Expands the special population nursing facility criteria to include persons residing in an intermediate care facility for persons with medical complexity up to age 30. Also increases the number of providers available to meet the needs of young adults with complex medical conditions.

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 2018.

Sincerely,

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