

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT [441]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section , the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter Chapter 75, “Conditions of Eligibility,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment removes two of the requirements for an infant to be deemed Medicaid-eligible for 12 months because of “newborn” status, a mandatory coverage group under the Medicaid program. Based on legislation enacted in the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA), Public Law 111-3, states shall no longer require that the infant must live with the mother or that the mother must continue to meet the Medicaid eligibility requirements that would apply if she were still pregnant.

The effect of this amendment is that any infant in Iowa who was born to a woman who was Medicaid-eligible at the time of birth shall remain eligible through the month of the child’s first birthday, even if no long living with the mother, or the mother would no longer qualify for Medicaid. This change will ensure the continuous availability of medical care during the child’s first year of life and is in line with state’s vision to provide health care to all Iowa children.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations, since the change is a benefit to the infants affected. 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 7929B. 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 July 22, 2009. 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 249A.4 and Public Law 111-3, section 113(b)(1).