

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT [441]

**Notice of Intended Action**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 79, “Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment clarifies that in documentation for Medicaid services billed using time-related Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, the total amount of time spent on the service shall be recorded rather than beginning and ending times. The Department intends that the Medicaid policy shall be consistent with Medicare policy in this regard. Consistency between the programs allows greater efficiency for providers.

This amendment does not provide for waivers because all providers should be subject to the same documentation requirements. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before September 15, 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](mailto:policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us).

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A4B.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subparagraph **79.3(2)“c”(3)**, numbered paragraph **“3,”** as follows:

3. The complete time of the service, including the beginning and ending time if the service is billed on a time-related basis. For those time-related services billed using Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, the total time of the service shall be recorded, rather than the beginning and ending time.