

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT [441]

**Notice of Intended Action**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4 and 2009 Iowa Acts, House File 811, section 32, the Department of Human Services proposed to amend Chapter 82, “Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments:

- Reflect the change to a 3 percent inflation factor for reimbursement of intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded in state fiscal year 2010 that was mandated by 2009 Iowa Acts, House File 811, section 32(10); and
- Make technical changes to update the chapter to current Iowa Medicaid organization and terminology.

Current administrative rules state that the inflation factor shall be the percent change from December to December of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. city average (CPI-U). For state fiscal year 2010, the CPI-U factor is 0.1 percent. Computing reimbursement using this factor would essentially freeze ICF/MR reimbursement rated for state fiscal year 2010. With a 3 percent inflation factor, the estimated average per diem reimbursement rate increases from \$386 per day to \$397 per day, for a total statewide increase in reimbursement of \$8.8 million for state fiscal year 2010. Costs to the state are estimated at \$0.9 million, and costs to county governments are estimated at \$1.6 million.

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations, since an increase in reimbursement is a benefit to providers. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department's general rule on exceptions at 441--1.8(17A,217).

These amendments were also Adopted and Filed Without Notice and are published herein as **ARC 8207B**. 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 amendments on or before October 27, 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).

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4 and 2009 Iowa Acts, House File 811, section 32(10).