

Iowa Department for the Blind

Draft Five-Year Rule Review Plan

2023-2028

A. Introduction

Iowa Code section 17A.7(2) requires that beginning July 1, 2012, over each five-year period of time, an agency shall conduct an ongoing and comprehensive review of all of the agency's rules. The goal of the review is the identification and elimination of all rules of the agency that are outdated, redundant, or inconsistent or incompatible with statute or its own rules or those of other agencies. An agency shall commence its review by developing a plan of review in consultation with major stakeholders and constituent groups. When the agency completes the five-year review of the agency's own rules, the agency shall provide a summary of the results to the administrative rules coordinator and the administrative rules review committee.

1. Ongoing Rule Review Committee

Iowa Department for the Blind (IDB) will establish a five-year rule review committee to ensure the provision of a structured and comprehensive approach to rule review. This internal committee will consist of the IDB Executive Director, the IDB Chief Information Officer, and one member of the Iowa Commission for the Blind. This committee will meet every six months.

2. Phased Review Process

IDB will conduct a comprehensive two-phase process of rule review. The initial phase of review (Phase 1) is intended to identify rules that could be repealed or amended because they are outdated, redundant, or inconsistent with other rules. Rule chapters that are not repealed or amended during the Phase 1 process are subject to Phase 2, which involves a more in-depth review of specific rules, in consultation with stakeholders.

IDB will be continually updating and revising its rules. The five-year rule review process will address specific concerns about the overall regulatory burden of state government in Iowa.

Based upon the statutory requirements of section 17A.7(2), IDB will address the following topics during review of its rules:

- Rescinding rules that no longer have statutory authority
- Rescinding rules that do not appear to have legal authority
- Revising or rescinding rules that are overly burdensome
- Identifying rules that are unnecessarily more stringent than required by the federal government
- Revising or rescinding redundant rules
- Creating more use-friendly rules (for example, easy to read with proper citations)

The intent of this analysis is the continuing elimination of any unnecessary rules and the improvement of all rules where modifications are determined to be necessary and appropriate.

B. Ongoing Review

IDB's Five-Year Rule Review Plan is available on IDB's website at: <https://blind.iowa.gov/rulesreviewplan>.

This draft IDB Five-Year Rule Review Plan is being made available for review at the following location from December 1, 2022, through

December 31, 2022, for the purpose of soliciting public comments: <https://comment.iowa.gov>.