Iowa Codes, Iowa Administrative Codes (IAC) and Administrative Bulletin

Iowa Legislators (General Assembly)

Iowa Code is the Code of Iowa- the laws written by legislators and signed by the governor.

The Code of Iowa is compiled into a set of Iowa Code Books by "code editors" every other year alternating with Code Supplements. Something can be written in the Code of Iowa but not funded in the annual Omnibus Budget bill.

An appropriations bill for Iowa's budget is written annually and called the Omnibus Budget. A program/service can be funded in the Omnibus Budget Bill but may not be in Code of Iowa (e.g. pilot projects).

Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) are also called "rules". State agencies are assigned administration of Code of Iowa language OR Omnibus Budget Bill language to administer an appropriation. The state agency writes an IAC, and sets standards for how the Code of Iowa and/or Appropriation language is administered. All IDPH IAC's begin with 641 prior to the Chapter number and Title.

Steps the Iowa Administrative Code goes through before being published as final:
- ✓ Drafted by IDPH staff
- ✓ Proposed to state BOH (approved as is or with changes to be made)
- ✓ Published in the Administrative Bulletin for comment and public hearings,
- ✓ Back to state BOH with results of hearings, (approved as is or with changes to be made)
- ✓ To Legislative Rules Review committee made up of both bodies of the legislature.
- ✓ Approved as is or with changes to be made and then IAC can be published in the Iowa Rules Bulletin as final.

Administrative Bulletin: This is where proposed and final IACs are published.