

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]**

**Adopted and Filed**

**Rule making related to school dental screenings**

The Public Health Department hereby amends Chapter 51, “Dental Screening,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapter 135.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 135.17.

*Purpose and Summary*

Chapter 51 provides the rules for the school dental screening requirement, which aims to improve the oral health of Iowa’s children. Based on feedback from a recent quality improvement exercise (as a result of recommendations provided by the legislatively mandated Student Health Working Group), the Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems (OHDS) has developed a template for the new certificate of dental screening. The new certificate eliminates some of the currently collected demographic information, which will reduce the administrative burden on parents, providers, and school staff. The amendments implement this change.

*Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making*

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on November 18, 2020, as **ARC 5270C**. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

*Adoption of Rule Making*

This rule making was adopted by the State Board of Health on January 13, 2021.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to the Department’s waiver provisions contained in 641—Chapter 178.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

*Effective Date*

This rule making will become effective on April 28, 2021.

The following rule-making action is adopted:

Amend rule 641—51.9(135) as follows:

**641—51.9(135) Dental screening documentation.**

**51.9(1) *Student information.*** A person authorized to perform a dental screening required by this chapter shall record the following student information or ensure that such information is recorded on the certificate of dental screening provided or approved in writing by the department of public health in cooperation with the department of education:

- ~~1. a. Name (first and last); and~~
- ~~2. b. Birth date;~~
- ~~3. Parent or guardian name;~~
- ~~4. Telephone numbers (home or mobile);~~
- ~~5. Address (street, city, and county);~~
- ~~6. School;~~
- ~~7. Grade level; and~~
- ~~8. Gender.~~

**51.9(2) *Screening information.*** A person authorized to perform a dental screening required by this chapter shall record the following screening information on the certificate of dental screening provided or approved in writing by the department of public health in cooperation with the department of education:

- ~~1. a. Date of dental screening;~~
- ~~2. b. Treatment needs (no obvious problems, requires dental care, requires urgent dental care);~~
- ~~3. c. Provider type;~~
- ~~4. d. Provider name, ~~business address,~~ and telephone number; and~~
- ~~5. e. Provider or recorder signature and credentials.~~

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