

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 20 26)

Department Name:	Iowa Communications Network (ICN)	Date:	5/13/2026	Total Rule Count:	2
IAC #:	751	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	Chapter 2	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	8D
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The chapter describes the public records and fair information practices (7—Chapter 2505) and personally identifiable information guidelines.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. The qualitative impact is positive; the rulemaking simplifies the regulatory environment by removing obsolete language. It achieves this by successfully adopting the state's Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure by reference, while explicitly maintaining required statutory definitions for Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and shielding Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) under federal telecommunications law.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

There is no direct cost associated with the proposed rulemaking.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

There are no costs to the State or the agency associated with this rulemaking.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

This rulemaking simplifies the regulatory environment at zero cost.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? YES NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

The agency seeks to implement these rules in a minimally intrusive and minimally prescriptive manner while still fulfilling the responsibilities of maintaining a well-run state communications network. No other methods were considered as the proposed rulemaking is necessary to comply with Executive Order 10's mandate to streamline and modernize existing rules.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

Yes. 751—Chapter 2 (Entire legacy chapter). The previous iteration of the chapter contained pages of redundant administrative procedures regarding records requests, photocopying fees, and record indexing that are already covered by state-wide standard procedures. This duplicative language was removed in favor of a simple adoption by reference of the Uniform Rules (7—Chapters 2500 through 2506).

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

Rescind 751—Chapter 2 in its entirety.

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

Adopt the following new chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 2 Fair Information Practices

The Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure, 7—Chapters 2500 through 2506, are rules generally applicable to agencies pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.24. Additions, exceptions, or amendments to the corresponding chapter are below.

751—2.1(8D) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“Personally identifiable information or PII” means information about or pertaining to an individual in a record which identifies the individual and which is contained in a record system.

“Customer proprietary network information or CPNI” means information that relates to the quantity, technical configuration, type, destination, location, and amount of use of a telecommunications service subscribed to by any customer of a telecommunications carrier, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 222(h)(1).

751—2.2(8D) Personally identifiable information and customer proprietary network information. This rule describes the nature and extent of personally identifiable information and CPNI which is collected, maintained, and retrieved by the agency. The commission maintains the following primary records in systems:

2.2(1) Personnel and payroll records. The agency maintains files containing information about employees, applicants, and dependents. The files include payroll records, biographical information, medical information, and performance reviews. These records are generally confidential pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.7(11).

2.2(2) Commission and advisory board records. These records contain information about commission and board members, including biographical and contact information. Portions of these records may be confidential.

2.2(3) Vendor, contractor, and authorized user files. These files contain information about individuals who do business with the agency or represent authorized users, including contact information, billing records, and related correspondence.

2.2(4) Telecommunications and network data (CPNI). The agency collects and maintains CPNI to route traffic, bill for services, and manage network operations. Consistent with federal law, CPNI is strictly confidential and shall not be disclosed to the public under Iowa Code chapter 22, except as expressly authorized by the customer or required by law enforcement.

2.2(5) Litigation, contested case, and administrative files. These files contain information regarding litigation, rate disputes, vendor appeals, or administrative claims involving the agency. These records may contain confidential information protected by attorney-client privilege or Iowa Code section 22.7.

***For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.**

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	13
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	3,496
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	40

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

Yes. We recommend a comprehensive update to Iowa Code Chapter 8D to modernize the statute, streamline legacy code, and align the agency's authorizing framework with current technology and state government structures.