

Bill #	Title	Description	Status
HCR6	Cannabis Scientific Research	Urges Congress to promote and pursue scientific research into the medical use of cannabis.	House Floor
HF10	Medicaid/PreVocational Services	Directs DHS to review rates for prevocational services under Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) waivers to determine the actual average cost of delivering them. Report due back to Legislature on October 1, 2019.	House Human Resources Committee
HF62	Death Penalty/Murder	Allows the death penalty for capital murder offenses committed by an individual age 18 or older, who is not mentally ill or intellectually disabled, and who is a major participant in the crime or has shown a manifest indifference to human life.	House Judiciary Committee
HF120	Telecoil Assistive Devices	Requires telecoil assistive device sellers to provide written information regarding the product. Must include information on the device's compatibility with other ADA-compliant assistive devices. Applies to orders received on or after September 1, 2019.	House Commerce Committee
HF135, SF143	Medicaid LTSS/Ends Managed Care	Ends managed care for Medicaid long-term services and supports, and returns them to state-run fee-for-service administration. Takes effect upon enactment.	House Human Resources Committee
HF221, SF104, HF559	Compassionate Medical Cannabis	Creates the compassionate use of medical cannabis Act, reclassifies marijuana, including tetrahydrocannabinols, from a schedule I controlled substance to a schedule II controlled substance, and provides for civil and criminal penalties and fees.	House Public Safety Committee
HF236	Absentee Voting Period	Changes the start of the absentee voting period from not more than 29 days before the date of an election to not more than 45 days before the date of an election. Changes the start of absentee voting for qualified voters in the armed forces from not more than 40 days before the date of an election to not more than 45 days before the date of an election.	House State Government Committee
HF277	Regenerative Medicine Tax Credit	Provides a tax credit for 60% of a taxpayer's contribution to an Iowa regenerative medicine research institution. The institution must be a 501(c)(3) organization and must engage in research designed to improve patient care through the development and dissemination of novel clinical therapies for the functional repair and replacement of diseased tissues and organs, including cancer research. The tax credit is nonrefundable. Applies to contributions made on or after January 1, 2020.	House Ways & Means Committee
HF284	LTSS Reporting	Requires MCOs to provide quarterly reports on long-term services and supports (LTSS) population members. Requires DHS to convene LTSS stakeholders to review existing metrics and to ensure the population is receiving access to necessary services and supports.	House Human Resources Committee
HF292	Medicaid Appeals Reporting	Requires semi-annual reporting of Medicaid member appeals through FY21, then annual reporting thereafter.	House Floor, Second Time
HF296	HCBS Enrollment Process	Requires a new applicant for HCBS waiver services complete the eligibility prescreening, level of care assessment, and financial review, prior to requesting a waiver slot or being placed on a waiver waiting list.	House Human Resources Committee
HF298	Nursing Temp Agencies	Establishes requirements for a temporary staffing agency for nursing services.	House Human Resources Committee
HF399	Hearing Aids Coverage	Requires health insurance plans to offer coverage for hearing aids for children age 18 and younger. Requires the coverage to include hearing aid fitting and dispensing services conducted by a hearing aid specialist, audiologist, or health care professional. Coverage must include ear molds as necessary to maintain optimal hearing aid fit. Requires coverage of any health care services related to a hearing aid, including audiological habilitation or audiological rehabilitation, as recommended by a health care professional or audiologist.	House Commerce Committee
HF527	Home Retrofitting Tax Credit	Creates a home retrofitting tax credit. Home retrofitting projects must relate to providing accessibility to a qualified residential home. Credit cannot exceed \$5,000 of the actual costs of the project and limits the credit to \$30,000 during the lifetime of the tax payer. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.	House Ways & Means Committee
HF555	Medicaid MCO Services	Makes MCOs responsible for discharge planning and relocation of a Medicaid recipient who is transitioning care. Prohibits MCOs from denying payment for good-faith services. Requires MCOs to pay a 12% interest fee if claims are not paid within contractual timeframes. Requires DHS to contract with an independent third party to administer a conflict-free uniform supports intensity scale assessment for persons with an intellectual or developmental disability.	House Human Resources Committee

HF597	Cliff Effect/State Assistance Income Restrictions	Establishes an interim study committee to review the impact of state assistance program income restrictions, including those on the child care assistance and food assistance. The committee is to look at the "cliff effect" and options to phase out program assistance as income changes. Report due by December 21, 2019.	House Human Resources Committee
HF617	MCO Contracts	Requires DHS to execute all MCO contracts no later than March 1 of the calendar year immediately preceding the start of the succeeding state fiscal year.	House Human Resources Committee
HF618	Medicaid Provider Credentialing	Requires DHS to develop uniform criteria for credentialing Medicaid providers and to select a single credentialing verification organization.	House Human Resources Committee
HF624	Psychiatric Patient Work Group	Requires the DHS to convene a psychiatric patient placement clearinghouse and inpatient psychiatric bed tracking system work group. This work group is to include a review of telepsychiatry services, care coordination, and patient data sharing. Work group members not listed, but is to include the Department of Inspections and Appeals, Iowa Hospital Association, NAMI, and Integrated Telehealth Partners. Report due by December 31, 2019.	House Human Resources Committee
HF671	Court Interpreters and Translators	Entitles deaf, hard-of-hearing, and limited-English-proficient individuals to an interpreter/translator in legal proceedings and court-related activities.	House Judiciary Committee
HF696	Prescription Dispensing Fees	Limits the dispensing fee for dispensing partial prescriptions for Medicaid providers.	House Human Resources Committee
HF726	State Health & Human Services Entities	Eliminates the Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network, the Hospital Health Care Access Trust Fund Board, the advisory committee to the Center for Rural Health and Primary Care, the governmental public health advisory council, and the Patient-Centered Health Advisory Council. Combines the state Medical Examiner Advisory Council with the Interagency Coordinating Council. Limits the number of meetings of the tobacco use prevention and control commission to no more than quarterly, eliminates reimbursement for the citizen members, and directs the commission to evaluate the membership of the commission and make a recommendation to the department of public health to reduce the voting membership from nine to seven members. Limits the membership of the trauma system advisory council. Eliminates payment of compensation or expenses of public members of the child death review team, the early childhood Iowa state board, the emergency management services advisory council, the health facilities council, and the plumbing and mechanical systems board. Eliminates the child welfare advisory committee, the child support advisory committee, the children's mental health waiver implementation committee, and the property tax relief fund risk pool. Provides that certain voting members of the Medical Assistance Advisory Council may be suspended from the council if they are absent for two consecutive meetings. <i>This bill was added to the HHS Budget Bill (HF 766).</i>	Passed House (77-20); Senate Human Resources Committee
HSB70, SSB1073	Crimes Against Older Adults/Dependent Adults	Establishes the crime of older individual assault. Establishes the crime of theft against an older individual. Establishes criminal penalties for elder abuse. Establishes the crime of financial exploitation of an older individual.	House Judiciary Committee
HSB168	Poll Closing Time	Changes the closing time of polls from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all elections.	House State Government Committee
HSB171	Absentee Ballot Requests	Allows registered voters to request absentee ballots electronically.	House State Government Committee
HSB205	Federal Funding Inventories	Requires, on or before November 15, all executive branch agencies and the judicial branch to transmit to the department of management and the legislative services agency an inventory of federal funds received during the previous fiscal year.	House Appropriations Committee
HSB215	Medicaid Liens	Allows DHS to file a request for notice of transfer or encumbrance of the real property owned by a Medicaid recipient with the county recorder.	House Human Resources Committee
SF9	MS Support Fund	Establishes lottery games to benefit individuals with multiple sclerosis (MS). Directs money received from the games be transferred to the Multiple Sclerosis Support Fund administered by the department of public health.	Senate State Government Committee
SF28	Department of Education Repeal	Eliminates the department of education and transfers duties to the department of management beginning July 1, 2020. Establishes education savings grants for non-public school students.	Senate Education Committee
SF32	School District Rules	Requires the state board of education to repeal or amend a rule if a school district submits a petition to do so and the department of education finds the rule is inconsistent or incompatible with statute or finds the board exceeded its authority.	Senate Education Committee

SF37	Regenerative Medicine Research Tax Credit	Provides a tax credit for 60% of a taxpayer's contribution to an Iowa regenerative medicine research institution. The institution must be a 501(c)(3) organization and must engage in research designed to improve patient care through the development and dissemination of novel clinical therapies for the functional repair and replacement of diseased tissues and organs, including cancer research. The tax credit is nonrefundable. Applies retroactively to January 1, 2019.	Senate Ways & Means Committee
SF41	Tax Free Income/Disability Workers	Exempts wages earned by individuals who work for a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that provides services to individuals who have a physical or mental disability from state income taxes. Takes effect January 1, 2020.	Senate Ways & Means Committee
SF64, HF424	Green Alert Program	Creates green alert program for missing veterans-at-risk. Requires law enforcement to issue a public alert similar to an AMBER alert for missing and abducted children. Criteria for a green alert include: a report of a missing veteran-at-risk provided to law enforcement within 72 hours of the veteran's disappearance; (2) there is reason to believe the veteran may be missing as a consequence of a physical or mental health condition that is related to the veteran-at-risk's military service; and (3) there is sufficient information to disseminate a green alert to the public that could assist in locating the missing veteran-at-risk.	Passed Senate (50-0); House State Government Committee
SF71	Medical Cannabidiol for Students	Allows public and nonpublic schools to adopt policies permitting a primary caregiver of a student to administer medical cannabidiol on school grounds.	Senate Judiciary Committee
SF77, HF282	Medical Cannabidiol Regulation	Expands access to medical cannabidiol for individuals with multiple sclerosis and for any medical condition for which a patient's health care provider determines its use could be beneficial. Increases the allowable THC level in medical cannabidiol from 3% to 13%.	Senate Judiciary Committee
SF78, HF281	Medical Cannabidiol Definition	Changes the definition of "medical cannabidiol" by eliminating the 3% tetrahydrocannabinol level cap and providing that a 90-day supply of medical cannabidiol contain no more than 90 grams of tetrahydrocannabinol.	Senate Judiciary Committee
SF144	Geriatric Housing	Directs the state to issue an RFP for potential operators of a housing facility for geriatric individuals, including those on the sex offender registry or who are sexually aggressive. Requires a progress report by October 1, 2019.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF147	Medicaid Payment/Therapy	Requires DHS to amend the Medicaid state plan to eliminate the payment reduction for multiple therapy procedures provided to children up to age 21, including therapy services, physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, and services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders. Currently Medicaid will not reimburse for multiple therapy procedures delivered in the same patient encounter.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF148	Medicaid Prior Authorization Uniformity	Requires DHS to adopt rules to require all Medicaid MCOs to utilize a uniform process, forms, information requirements, and time frames for prior authorizations.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF156	Medicaid MCO Accountability	Transfers Medicaid long-term services and supports services from MCO administration to fee-for-service. Prohibits prior authorization for medication-assisted treatment. Requires MCOs to develop and administer a workforce program to provide adequate access to services. Establishes an external review process for Medicaid providers for the review of final adverse determinations of the MCOs' internal appeal processes. Makes changes to member disenrollment. Created an ombudsman assistant to investigate Medicaid program complaints.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF167	Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment	Makes mental health professionals eligible for student loan repayment under the health care loan repayment program administered by the college student aid commission. Currently only nurses, ARNPs, nurse educators, and physician assistants are eligible for this program. The program currently only receives \$200,000 in funding, which allows for only 4-5 loans of up to \$30,000 each year. No additional funds are included in this bill.	assed Senate (49-0); House Education Committee
SF168, SF420	Medicaid Ombudsman & MCO Accountability	Establishes an ombudsman position to investigate complaints relating to all Medicaid programs. Companion bill (SF 420) also includes requirement that DHS establish a uniform prior authorization process (forms, information requirements, time frames) for both fee-for-service and MCO systems. Companion also requires MCOs to use an external review process for denied claims.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF190	Home Modification Program Ver. 2	Establishes a home modification grant program for qualified individuals who are at least 60 years of age or who are living with a disability or have a chronic condition which requires a permanent modification to the person's residence.	Senate Human Resources Committee

SF211	MCO Review Process	Establishes an external review process for the review of final adverse determinations of a Medicaid managed care organization's (MCO's) internal appeal processes. Makes the external review process available to a Medicaid provider who has been denied the provision of services to a Medicaid member or a claim for reimbursement, and who has exhausted the internal appeals process of an MCO.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF269	Home Modification Program	Establishes a home modification grant program for a qualified homeowner who is the owner of a residential real property in the state that is the primary residence of the owner, has income that does not exceed 300% of the federal poverty level, and is at least 65 years of age, is living with a disability, or has a chronic condition the prognosis for which requires a permanent modification to the qualified person's residence.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF294	General Fund Expenditure Limitation	Revises calculation requirements for the state general fund expenditure limitation, creates a safety net fund to provide funding for services for underserved populations, and provides for related state personal income tax rate reductions.	Senate Appropriations Committee
SF316	Special Education Interim Study	Establishes an interim study committee on special education program requirements and outcomes for students with individualized education programs. Report due by December 20, 2019.	Passed Senate (49-0); House Education Committee
SF334	Public Assistance Program Oversight	Requires DHS to implement a real-time eligibility monitoring and verification system for public assistance programs (FIP, Medicaid, SNAP). Estimated to cost the state \$15.9 million in FY20 and \$24.4 million in FY21 (you can see fiscal note here).	Passed Senate (30-18); House Human Resources Committee
SF358	MCO Termination	Directs DHS to terminate the contracts of each managed care organization for administration of the Iowa high quality health care initiative. Takes effect upon enactment.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF376	Health Education Requirements	Adds mental health awareness, coping skills, and suicide prevention to required health education provided to students in grades 9-12.	Senate Education Committee
SF434	IHWPC/Community Engagement Ver. 2	Requires DHS to submit a Medicaid waiver request by March 1, 2020, to require Iowa health and wellness plan members to participate in community engagement activities.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF443	OT/MH Professional	Adds occupational therapists to the list of mental health professionals if they are nationally certified, licensed by the board of occupational therapy, and have completed a practicum in a psychiatric setting or have one year of experience in a psychiatric setting.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF453	Medical Food Coverage	Requires third-party health insurers to provide coverage for medical food that is consumed or administered via a gastronomy feeding tube, a jejunostomy feeding tube, a nasoenteral feeding tube, or a nasogastric feeding tube. Applicable to policies issued on or after January 1, 2020.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF461, HF602	Home Improvement Fraud	Makes home improvement fraud by a contractor a class "D" felony if the contract was for \$1,500 or more, the consumer is 62 years old or older, or the contractor has previously been convicted of home improvement fraud. If one of these factors is not present, the contractor can be found guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor. Class D felonies are punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500. An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by up to 2 years confinement and up to \$6,250 in fines.	Senate & House Floors
SF468	Medicaid ASO Model	Requires DHS to contract with the University of Iowa to develop an RFP to solicit bids to implement a Medicaid managed fee-for-service value-based delivery model to coordinate delivery of physical and behavioral health services. RFP to be issued by January 1, 2020. Contracting to begin July 1, 2020.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF489	Non-Medical Switching	Prohibits health care plans from requiring medically stable patients who use a prescribed drug to switch to coverage that does not include the prescribed drug. Applicable to health plans after January 1, 2020.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF490	Medicaid Tobacco Cessation	Requires Medicaid (both fee-for-service and MCO) to eliminate prior authorization for tobacco cessation services, including nicotine replacement therapy, if a Medicaid member contacts the MCO's tobacco cessation program or Quitline Iowa. Allows the Medicaid to apply prior authorization to members who have had two prior failed attempts within a consecutive 18-month period. Also allows prior authorization for Medicaid members who are under 18 years of age, but they must follow age-appropriate FDA guidelines in the process.	Senate Human Resources Committee

SF501	Medical Cannabidiol (Senate Version)	Removes requirement that multiple sclerosis be accompanied by by severe and persistent muscle spasms, and replaces untreatable pain with severe or chronic pain. Adds post-traumatic stress disorder to the list of conditions allowing a patient to receive a medical cannabidiol registration card. Allows a health care practitioner to certify a patient to receive a medical cannabidiol registration card for any other medical condition for which the health care practitioner determines the use of medical cannabidiol would be medically beneficial. Allows ARNPs and PAs to authorize use. Allows the DPH to issue a registration card to any patient that is in inpatient hospice care. Adds two patients with valid medical cannabidiol cards to the Medical Cannabidiol Board, and requires the board to convene up to 8 times per year (currently four). Allows the delivery of medical cannabidiol to a patient's home (but board is to establish circumstances when this is appropriate and set appropriate controls). Requires manufacturers to neutralize plant material waste with a chemical (like bleach) prior to transporting to a solid waste disposal facility. States that the use of medical cannabidiol is not subject to federal regulation. Takes DOT out of the process; IDPH will issue cards instead. No changes to THC limits. Similar to HF732.	Senate Judiciary Committee
SF538	IHWP Community Engagement	Requires DHS to submit a waiver request to CMS (by October 1, 2019) to require Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHWP) members participate in community engagement activities in order to remain eligible. This applies only to the Medicaid expansion population members, not to those on traditional Medicaid or on HCBS waivers. Acceptable community engagement activities include at least 20 hours a week working, volunteering, work program activities, or PROMISE JOBS programing. It is unclear if going to school is acceptable under this. Individuals exempt from this requirement include: persons medically certified as "physically or mentally unfit for employment," pregnant, parent/caretaker responsible for dependent child under one year of age, parent/caretaker of a dependent child with a serious medical condition or disability, person receiving unemployment compensation, or participant in a drug or alcohol treatment and rehabilitation program. This bill will be amended on the Senate Floor - see SF 434.	Passed Senate (32-17); House Human Resources Committee
SF564, HF375	Newborn Metabolic Screening	Directs the Department of Public Health to adopt rules for adding various disorders, including lysosomal disorders, to the metabolic screenings for newborns.	Passed Senate (48-0); House Human Resources Committee
SF574	State Boards and Commissions	Requires each appointed state board, commission, committee, or council established in law to conduct a review every five years, and report its findings to the Legislature (Department of Management is to establish the schedule for this review). Reports are to include its purpose and function, operations, actions, and policy initiatives taken, and a determination if it continues to be needed to address policy objectives and legislative changes. Requires that terms of office for all Governor-appointed positions that are subject to Senate confirmation expire every five years, beginning July 1, 2025. States that no appointments to fill a vacancy can be made, unless legislation is enacted waiving this requirement.	Senate State Government Committee
SF575	Conduct of Elections	Makes provisions to conduct of state and local elections, including procedures for proposed amendments to the Iowa Constitution, issuance of bonds, self-promotion with taxpayer funds, hospital board of trustee elections, voter registration, ballot order, and municipal elections.	Senate State Government Committee
SF577	Exploitation by Community College Employees	Makes sexual exploitation of a child with a disability by an employee of a community college a crime.	Passed Senate (48-0); House Judiciary Committee
SF588	Death Penalty	Allows the death penalty for capital murder committed by a person age 18 or older. Makes exceptions for defendants who are mentally ill or intellectually disabled.	Senate Judiciary Committee
SJR20	Constitutional Spending Limits	Proposes a constitutional amendment limiting state spending to 99% of the adjusted general fund revenue estimate for the next fiscal year or 104% of the estimate for the current fiscal year (whichever is lower).	Senate Floor
SSB1036	Consumer Advocate Office	Prohibits employees of the office of consumer advocate from engaging in certain political activities. Replaces the consumer advisory panel with the consumer advocate governing board consisting of three members appointed by the attorney general and six members appointed by the governor.	Senate Commerce Committee
SSB1061	Theft Against a Vulnerable Elder	Makes theft against a vulnerable elder a criminal offense.	Senate Judiciary Committee
SSB1166	Medicaid Sales Tax Exemption	Exempts from the state sales and use tax the sales of all tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services paid for or reimbursed by Medicaid.	Senate Ways & Means Committee

SSB1185	Income Tax Exemption	Provides an income tax exemption for individuals providing services to persons with physical or mental impairments. Takes effect January 1, 2020, and applies to tax years beginning on or after that date.	Senate Ways & Means Committee
SSB1234	Medicaid Processes and Oversight	Division I - Provides for streamlined processes and oversight under the Medicaid program. Division II - Requires DHS to develop uniform authorization criteria for, and to utilize a request for proposals process to procure a single credentialing verification organization to be utilized in credentialing and recredentialing providers for Medicaid. Division III - Establishes internal and external review processes for Medicaid providers for the review of initial and final adverse determinations of the MCOs' internal appeal processes.	Senate Commerce Committee
SSB1259	HCBS Revolving Loan Program	Eliminates the home and community-based services revolving loan program fund and the transitional housing revolving loan program fund. Requires any remaining funds be transferred to the manufactured housing program fund.	Senate Ways & Means Committee