

2020 INFONET Bills (Dead/Did Not Pass)

BILL #	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	FINAL ACTION
HCR6	Cannabis 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 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.	House Judiciary Committee
HF120	Telecoil Assistive Devices	Requires telecoil assistive device sellers to provide written information regarding the product, including details on the device's compatibility with other ADA-compliant assistive devices. For order on or after 9/1/2019.	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, HF559, SF104	Compassionate Medical Cannabis	Creates the compassionate use of medical cannabis Act, reclassifies marijuana, including moving THC from a schedule I 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. 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

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HF292	Medicaid Appeals Reporting	Requires semi-annual reporting of Medicaid member appeals through FY21, then annual reporting thereafter.	Passed House (98-0); Passed & amended by Senate(49-0); 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

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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
HF2007	Conflict-Free Supports Intensity Scale Assessments	Requires Medicaid to contract with an independent third party to administer conflict-free uniform supports intensity scale assessments for persons with an intellectual or development disability.	House Human Resources Committee
HF2030	Income Eligibility Verification	Requires DHS to implement a computerized income eligibility verification system for public assistance programs, including Medicaid, Family Investment Program (FIP), and food assistance (SNAP); lists the various state and national databases to be checked; and flags those with more than 25% discrepancy. Requires home visitors to check on families to make sure they are on a path to sustainability (this is written in a more punitive way). DHS estimates it will take 250-280 FTEs to do this.	House Human Resources Committee

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HF2038	Tinted Vehicle Windows	Allows drivers with a medically-certified light sensitivity to operate a vehicle with excessively dark tinted windows.	House Transportation Committee
HF2049	Children Mental Health Supports	Requires school districts to adopt teacher training protocols for children's mental health supports based on nationally recognized best practices, and requires all student grades 6-12 ID cards include the national suicide prevention line. Takes effect upon enactment.	House Education Committee
HF2097	Adult Changing Stations	Requires DOT to install adult changing stations in rest areas.	Passed House (100-0); Senate Judiciary Committee
HF2101	Attendant Care Providers	Allows the parent or stepparent of a Medicaid member age 17 or under to provide consumer-directed attendant care services.	House Human Resources Committee
HF2108	HCBS Daily Rate/ Family Home	Makes supported community living services available at a daily rate to individuals 18 and older living in the home of a family member, foster family, or legal representative.	House Human Resources Committee
HF2138	Insulin Coverage	Caps cost-sharing for insulin prescriptions to not more than \$100 for up to a 31-day supply.	Passed House (98-1); Senate Floor
HF2186	Student Behavior Expectations	Requires DOE to provide guidance on service-learning projects and establish requirements for school districts relating to student behavior expectations.	House Education Committee
HF2205	Bottle Bill 2023 Repeal	Repeals the state's container deposit law (aka "bottle bill") on July 1, 2023. Beginning July 1, 2020, unclaimed container deposits will be transferred monthly to a new Unpaid Refunds Recycling Fund under control of the Environmental Protection Commission. The new fund will pay for recycling and education initiatives, with 10% going to the shelter assistance	House Local Government Committee
HF2206	Beverage Container Redemption	Doubles the beverage container redemption to 2 cents.	House Local Government Committee
HF2208	Marijuana Criminal Penalties	Eliminates criminal penalties related to marijuana use, possession, manufacture, and delivery.	House Public Safety Committee

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HF2222	Medicaid IMD Waiver	Requires DHS to submit a Medicaid waiver to provide reimbursement for services provided in Institutions for Mental Disease (residential and inpatient facilities with more than 16 beds), specifically to enable payment for mental health services, screening and treatment of co-occurring substance use disorder and physical health conditions.	Passed House (96-0); Senate Floor
HF2223	Family/Medical Leave Program	Establishes a Family Leave and Medical Leave Insurance Program, and provides for paid sick leave.	House Labor Committee
HF2230	Donated Medical Care Tax Exemption	Allows income tax exemptions for medical care donated by medical providers.	House Ways & Means Committee
HF2231	Inmate/Prisoner Prescriptions	Requires prescription medications of inmates or prisoners to be transferred at the time the individual is moved to another facility.	House Public Safety Committee
HF2263	Retail Business Restroom Access	Requires retail businesses to provide access to employee restrooms for customers with eligible medical conditions.	House Human Resources Committee
HF2275	Behavior Analyst Grants Program	Replaces the behavior analyst and assistant behavior analyst grants program with a stipends program.	House Floor
HF2349	Deaf Kids Task Force	Establishes a language equality and acquisition for deaf kids task force.	House Education Committee
HF2391	Mental Health Awareness	Adds one-half unit of mental health awareness coursework for secondary students for the school year beginning July 1, 2021.	House Education Committee
HF2397	Closed Captioning	Requires public accommodations that provide television programming and online broadcasts to enable closed captioning.	House State Government Committee

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HF2423, SF2383	Nonmedical Switching Interim	Requests an interim committee to evaluate current insurer practices for continuity of care and non-medical switching. Requires the interim committee to highlight areas where practices are deficient in meeting the needs of those covered by the plans. In addition to legislators, those on the committee include: Insurance Commissioner, Alliance for Patient Access, Epilepsy Foundation of Iowa, Iowa Biotechnology Association, Iowa Pharmacy Association, NAMI Iowa, Johnson & Johnson, Genetech, America's Health Insurance Plans, CIGNA, Federation of Iowa Insurers, Association of Business & Industry, Iowa Association of Health Underwriters, Wellmark, and CVS Health. Report and recommendations due 12/1/2020.	Senate & House Floors
HF2424	Childcare Assistance	Establishes a graduated eligibility phase-out program for state childcare assistance. Families between 185-225% of the federal poverty level (FPL) will contribute based on a department-adopted sliding fee scale, and families earning between 225-250% will match the childcare assistance (50% state, 50% family contribution).	Passed House (99-0); Senate Human Resources Committee
HF2453	Minor Guardianships/ Conservatorships	Makes provisions related to guardianships and conservatorships of minors.	House Floor
HF2492	IHWP Reenrollment	Requires certain individuals pay a fee to re-enroll in the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan or Dental Wellness Plan if they were dropped for failing to complete required health behaviors or failing to make required monthly contributions.	Passed House (56-39); Senate Human Resources Committee
HF2521	School Suicide Prevention	Requires the Department of Education to adopt protocols for suicide prevention in private schools (as is already required in public schools). Provides greater detail about the protocols, which are to address kids that have expressed thoughts of suicide or are returning to school after a mental health crisis. Requires all school districts to provide at least one hour of suicide prevention and postvention training to all school personnel governed by the Board of Education that have contact with kids in grades K-12, and include additional training on Adverse Childhood Experiences and strategies to mitigate toxic stress responses. Takes effect upon enactment (for implementation by July 1, 2020).	House Floor

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HF2524	Public Health Governing Entities	Eliminates the Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Commission and the Iowa Department of Public Health's Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Division and moves responsibilities to a newly created Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Bureau under the Behavioral Health Division. Eliminates AFSCME representative on Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council, and limits the number of meetings held by the council to no more than four annually. Repeals requirement that the Board of Medicine and Board of Physician Assistants file an annual report on team building and collaborative efforts between boards.	House Floor
HF2526	ABLE Savings Plan Trusts	Allows funds from a medical assistance special needs trust or supplemental needs trust to be transferred to an Iowa ABLE savings plan trust account.	Passed House (97-0); Senate Floor
HF2539	Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Resources	Requires DOE to employ an early language development coordinator, to develop a resource for parents and guardians of children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, identifies language and literacy tools and assessments for educators, and establishes an advisory committee to develop language development milestones.	Passed House (97-0); Senate Education Committee
HF2551	Prescription Drug Price Transparency	Requires drug manufacturers to file reports on prescription costs and requires health plans with prescription drug benefits to file annual reports.	House Floor
HF2553	Pharmacy Benefit Managers	Provides requirements for a pharmacy benefit manager to place or continue a particular drug on a maximum allowable cost list.	Passed House (100-0); Senate Commerce Committee
HF2555	MH and Disability Services Regions	Strikes the requirement that counties in mental health and disability services regions be contiguous.	House Floor
HF2577	High-Demand Jobs Loan Repayment	Establishes a loan repayment program for eligible individuals in high demand jobs, including certified nurse aides, child care workers, and direct care workers.	House Appropriations Committee
HF2587	Election Administration	Makes several changes relating to election administration. Takes effect upon enactment.	House Floor
HF2611	Property Tax Adjustment	Provides a property tax adjustment for homeowners age 65 or older who have annual household earned income of \$30,000 or less.	House Ways & Means Committee

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HF2614, SF2397	Financial Exploitation	Allows banks, brokers and investment advisors to report suspected financial exploitation of adults age 65 or older or dependent adults to the Insurance Commissioner or other appropriate party (and gives them civil immunity). Prohibits reporting to a party that may be involved in the financial exploitation. Allows a bank, broker, investment advisor to delay transactions if they suspect financial exploitation and does not allow notification of the person suspected of financial exploitation. Requires training of banks, brokers, investment advisors and others that may encounter financial exploitation, and allows the Insurance commissioner to investigate complaints	Senate & House Floors
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

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SF37	Regenerative Medicine Research Tax Credit	Provides a tax credit for 60 percent 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
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

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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
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.	Passed 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

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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 percent 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	IHWP/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

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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 nasogastric 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 Judiciary Committee
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; 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
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.	Passed Senate (32-17); House Human Resources Committee

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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
SF2003	Prosthetic Device Replacement	Requires all prosthetic device replacements be covered under the workers' compensation program, if the device is needed as a result of a compensable injury.	Senate Commerce Committee
SF2017	Medicaid CCO/CDAC Database	Requires Medicaid to maintain an interactive database of community choice option (CCO) and consumer-directed attendant care (CDAC) providers for use by Medicaid members who use personal care services.	House Human Resources Committee

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SF2056, HF2090	Students with Seizure Disorders	Requires school districts and accredited nonpublic schools that have an enrolled student with epilepsy or seizure disorder to have an individual health plan. Requires schools to provide appropriate employee training and requires a statewide seizure education program.	Senate Education Committee
SF2064, HF2327	Preexisting Condition Protections	Prohibits insurers from denying coverage or imposing exclusions for preexisting conditions. Applies to plans delivered, issued, continued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021.	Senate Commerce Committee
SF2067	Student Mental Health	Requires schools to allow students to take at least three excused absences for mental health needs each school year.	Senate Education Committee
SF2076	Personal Needs Allowance	Increases the Medicaid personal needs allowance.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF2098	Direct Care Workforce	Creates a centralized direct care workforce database, adds direct care workers to skilled workforce programs, and establishes a direct care worker tuition grant program, loan repayment program, and tuition tax credit.	Senate Labor and Business Relations Committee
SF2106	Accessible Housing	Requires the state to adopt design standards that will make all new housing built with public funding accessible. Applies to building permits for publicly financed housing requested on or after July 1, 2021.	Senate State Government Committee
SF2152	Medical Cannabidiol Act	Makes changes to the Medical Cannabidiol Act by changing name to "medical cannabis" to allow use of entire plant (not just the CBD), adds conditions authorized for use (glaucoma, hepatitis C, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, PTSD, Tourette's Syndrome, MD), adds to the health professionals who can authorize medical use of cannabis (physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners, advanced practice nurse, podiatrist), lowers price for cannabis registration card from \$100 to \$25, adds three patients with cannabis cards to the Medical Cannabis Board, allows more cannabis dispensaries (currently five; bill allows 17, with priority going to rural areas), and allows up to 25 grams of THC to be dispensed over 90 days (waivers to obtain more allowed if 25 g is not enough to alleviate a debilitating medical condition or if the person is terminally ill).	Senate Judiciary Committee

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SF2177	Medicaid Program Improvement	Makes several changes to improve Medicaid managed care processes. Requires conflict-free case management services for the long-term services and supports population, including the independent administration of the supports intensity scale assessment. Requires MCO contracts be amended to require involvement and collaboration in workforce recruitment, retention, and training programs to address access issues. Requires an external review of Medicaid MCO appeals and requires MCOs respond to member's request for disenrollment for good cause within 10 days. Requires DHS to develop a uniform authorization and single credential verification system for use in both MCO and fee for service system. Appropriates \$300,000 for the Medicaid managed care ombudsman program.	Senate Appropriations Committee
SF2272	Public Assistance Oversight	Requires DHS to conduct national accuracy clearinghouse matches and conduct asset tests for people applying for or receiving food assistance (SNAP), Medicaid, and other public assistance programs administered by the department. Withdraws public assistance programs for anyone in a household with a person convicted of public assistance fraud, or from someone that does not comply with child support requirements. States that anyone can be kicked off public assistance for "any discrepancy" and gives people 30 days to respond to notice. Requires DHS to redesign or establish a new verification system for public assistance programs by July 1, 2021 (or contract with a third-party vendor).	Passed Senate (32-17); House Human Resources Committee
SF2278	Long-Term Care Ombudsman	Establishes protocol for the operation of the office of long-term care ombudsman.	Senate Appropriations Committee
SF2280	Days Awaiting Placement Reimbursement	Requires Medicaid and private insurance to reimburse hospitals for the continuation of service to patients waiting placement in a lower-level facility, including mental health placements.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF2288	Corporal Punishment	Grants immunity from civil liability for a school district and non-public schools for physical contact between a student and school employee/volunteer that is covered by immunity provisions for the employee/volunteer.	Senate Floor
SF2301	Pediatric Neuropsychiatric Coverage	Requires health care coverage for pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS). Applies to policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2021.	Passed Senate (47-0); House Floor

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SF2303	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 Floor
SF2320, HF2619	Court Proceeding Interpreters	Makes changes relating to interpreters for limited English proficient individuals hard of hearing individuals during court proceedings.	Senate & House Floors
SF2321	Adult Guardianships/ Conservatorships	Makes changes regarding opening, administering, and terminating adult guardianships and conservatorships.	Passed Senate (46-0); Passed & amended by House (96-0); Senate Floor, Second Time
SF2341	Older Iowan/ Dependent Adult Crimes	Establishes several new crimes against older (age 60+) and dependent adults. Penalties for assault against an older individual range from simple misdemeanor to a Class D felony depending on the circumstances of the assault. Enhances the penalties for the theft against an older individual (increasing all by a degree). Adds penalties for elder abuse (ranging from serious misdemeanor to a Class C felony depending on the circumstances and resulting injuries). Creates crime of financial exploitation of an older individual, ranging from serious misdemeanor to a Class B felony based on the amount of benefits, property, resources, belongings, or assets of the older individual involved. Moves crime of dependent adult abuse to different area of code.	Passed Senate (46-0); House Judiciary Committee

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SF2366	Medicaid Work Requirements/ Graduated Phase-Out Childcare	Prohibits the state from asking for a waiver of work requirements for food assistance (SNAP). Requires Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members (not the rest of Medicaid) to work or volunteer at least 20 hours per week (or earn the equivalent of 20 hours x the state's minimum age). Exempts individuals who are medically exempt, pregnant, caring for a child under age six or a dependent child with a disability, caring for an elderly person or person with a disability, home schooling, in a drug or alcohol program, or complying with unemployment compensation requirements. Gives people 30 day notice that they have failed to comply, but gives members a chance to comply within that time and then reapply for program benefits without disruption. Gradually phases out childcare assistance to families whose income is above 225% of the federal poverty level (FPL) for basic childcare (250% FPL for special needs childcare).	Passed Senate (31-18); House Human Resources 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 Appropriations Committee
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

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SSB1234	Medicaid Processes and Oversight	Provides for streamlined processes and oversight under the Medicaid program. 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 re-credentialing providers for Medicaid. 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
SSB3006	Adult Guardianship and Conservatorship	Expands current law to apply to guardianship and conservatorship, and makes changes regarding guardian/conservator powers and reporting requirements.	Senate Judiciary Committee
SSB3033	Preexisting Conditions Exclusions	Prohibits insurers from discriminating against those with preexisting conditions.	Senate Judiciary Committee
SSB3038	Guardianships and Conservatorships	Changes to laws about opening, administering, and terminating adult and minor guardianships and conservatorships.	Senate Judiciary Committee
SSB3074	Minor Guardianship	Gives juvenile court exclusive jurisdiction over guardianships of minors.	Senate Judiciary Committee
SSB3088	Sign Language Interpreters	Eliminates licensing requirements for sign language interpreters.	Senate State Government Committee
SSB3089	Hearing Aid Specialists	Eliminates licensing requirements for hearing aid specialists.	Senate State Government Committee
SSB3094	Medicaid Managed Care Oversight	Requires DHS to streamline Medicaid program processes and procedures relating to prior authorizations, utilization of uniform payment authorization criteria and compliance with timely payment contract provisions, and submission and tracking of claims and appeals on the Medicaid MCO website.	Senate Commerce Committee

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SSB3116, HSB657	Governor's Invest in Iowa Act	<p><u>Income Tax Changes</u>: Reduces the number of income tax brackets, resulting in reduction in income taxes. Increases the income threshold for the Early Childhood Development Tax Credit and Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit from \$45,000 to \$90,000 (beginning 1/1/2021). <u>Sales Tax Increase</u>: Increases the state sales tax from 6% to 7% effective 1/1/2021, with additional funds first going to natural resources, water quality, and outdoor activities (3/8 cent), make up difference in income tax cuts, and to backfill reduction in MH/DS levy. <u>Mental Health Funding</u>: Uses portion of funds from sales tax increase for the MH/DS State Supplement Fund to be distributed to MH/DS regions on a per capita basis (beginning FY21). Regions must submit core services domain reports to DHS that demonstrate "substantial compliance" with adult and child core services requirements, or risk losing up to 15% of state supplement funds. Replaces \$47.28 statewide per capita expenditure target with \$12.50 per capita expenditure target. Strikes limitations on county MH/DS expenditures (base expenditure amount or per capita expenditure amount, whichever is less), and references to regional per capita expenditure target. Allows counties to recertify MH/DS levies and budgets and amend service plans to reflect funds available. Allows DHS to adopt emergency rules (double barrel). Applies to FY 2021 & after and is effective upon enactment.</p>	Senate Ways & Means Committee
SSB3155	Prescription Drug Reports	Requires pharmaceutical drug manufacturers to file reports with DOC regarding certain prescription drug prices.	Senate Commerce Committee
SSB3159	MH Non-Compete Agreements	Places limitations on certain non-compete agreements for mental health professionals.	Senate Human Resources Committee