

## 2021 Final Status of Tracked Bills

*These bills DID NOT pass in 2021. They CAN be discussed in the 2022 legislative session.*

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
HCR8	21st Century Caregiving Education Plan	Calls upon the President, Congress, Governor, the executive branch and the General Assembly to work to improve communities by bolstering the care workforce.	House Floor
HF16	Medicaid Managed Care	Ends Medicaid managed care contracts.	House Human Resources Committee
HF50	Medically Necessary Food	Requires insurance carriers to cover medically necessary food, vitamins, and individual amino acids. Applies to policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022.	House Commerce Committee
HF90	Housing Discrimination	Prohibits a landlord from denying housing to a person with a disability who has a support animal.	House Judiciary Committee
HF108	Medicaid Substance Abuse Waiver	Requires DHS to submit a Medicaid waiver to allow comprehensive, evidence-based substance abuse treatment for Medicaid members.	House Human Resources Committee
HF118	Long-Term Care Ombudsman	Increases the number of local ombudsmen and establishes requirements for case assignments and responses to resident/tenant inquiries. Prohibits issuing an RFP to outsource duties or staff.	House Human Resources Committee
HF135	Electronic Absentee Ballots	Allows voters to register electronically for absentee ballots.	House State Government Committee
HF137	Absentee Voter Status	Allows an absentee voter to apply once to receive absentee ballots for all general elections (voter does not need to reapply each election).	House State Government Committee
HF190	Cross-Over Visitation	Allows for visitation between residents and tenants of long-term care facilities during a national public health emergency or public health disaster.	House Human Resources Committee
HF191	Nursing Facilities Visitation Restrictions	Requires DIA to consult with the state long-term care ombudsman prior to issuing guidance restricting visitation at nursing homes during a national public health emergency.	House Human Resources Committee

HF262	Emergency Prescription Refills	Allows a pharmacist to refill a prescription without prescriber authorization in some situations (but can only be done once in a year). Passed House 91-0.	Senate Human Resources Committee
HF263	Prescription Insulin Coverage	Requires insurance carriers to cap the total amount of cost-sharing that a covered person is required to pay for prescription insulin at an amount not to exceed \$100 for up to a 31-day supply. Passed House 89-2.	Senate Human Resources Committee
HF268, SF378	Nursing Facility Electronic Monitoring	Allows authorized electronic monitoring in nursing facilities under certain circumstances.	House & Senate Human Resources Committee
HF306	Adult Changing Stations	Requires adult changing stations in new buildings built after 1/1/2023; buildings renovated after 1/1/2026; buildings with the capacity to serve 1,500 or more people in one day; shopping malls, retail stores, entertainment venues with floor space of 40,000 square feet or more; public transportation facilities; galleries, libraries, museums, tourist information centers, parks, playgrounds, recreational centers, zoos, amusement or theme parks; airports; rest areas; education facilities; hospitals; and rehabilitation facilities.	House Commerce Committee
HF385	Open Enrollment	Adds prekindergarten students enrolled in special education programs in the 9/1 deadline for open enrollment. Applies to school years beginning July 1, 2021. Passed House 96-0.	Senate Education Committee
HF447	Medicaid LTSS	Requires MCOs to submit quarterly reports on long-term services and supports (LTSS) members. Also requires DHS to convene stakeholders to review existing metrics for the LTSS population. Stakeholder report with recommendations is due October 1, 2021.	House Human Resources Committee
HF500	Interstate Audiology Compact	Enacts the Interstate Audiology & Speech Pathology Compact. Makes the compact effective when it is adopted by ten states. Passed House 93-0.	Senate State Government Committee
HF506	Home Modification Program	Establishes a home modification grant program. Homeowners must be elderly or have a disability or health condition that requires the modification and have an income at or below the annual Iowa median household. The person must live and own the home.	House Human Resources Committee
HF526	Prescription Drug Price Transparency/Cost-Sharing	Requires prescription drug manufacturers to file an annual report that discloses the wholesale cost for prescription drugs. Requires manufacturers to file a report if a drug has a cost of \$100 or more for a 30-day supply and the cost increases 40 percent or more over three preceding years or increases 15 percent or more in the preceding year. Requires health carriers to submit an annual report and requires carriers to include all cost-sharing amounts paid by a health plan enrollee (does not apply to certain drugs).	House Commerce Committee
HF528	Immunizations by Dentists	Authorizes dentists to prescribe and administer vaccines or immunizations for influenza or COVID-19 to patients. Passed House 89-4.	Senate Floor

HF571	Nursing Facility/Hospital Visitation	Prohibits hospitals and nursing facilities from instituting policies that limit a patient from receiving visitors during a public health emergency.	House Human Resources Committee
HF585	Safe and Sound Program	Establishes the safe and sound program to develop and implement a system for receiving anonymous reports/information from the public regarding potential self-harm and potential harm or criminal acts, including threats of violence, sexual abuse, assault, or bullying directed at students and schools.	House Public Safety Committee
HF604	Language Development for Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Children	Requires the development of a resource for parents/guardians of children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Establishes an advisory committee to make recommendations in the development of the resource. Passed House 96-0.	Senate Education Committee
HF656	Non-medical Switching	Prohibits insurance providers from limiting or excluding coverage of a prescription drug if the individual is medically stable on the drug, the drug was previously approved for coverage, and the individual's provider has prescribed the drug within the previous six months. Applicable to plans issued on or after January 1, 2022.	House Commerce Committee
HF679	Suicide Intervention	Adds "intervention" to school suicide protocols to be established and requires the focus on youth at higher risk of suicide, beginning July 1, 2022. Schools are required to review the protocols at least every five years.	House Education Committee
HF691	Medicaid EPSDT Services	Requires Medicaid to revise its state plan amendment to recognize EPSDT paraprofessionals who hold a registered behavior technician certification but do not have a college degree (currently all other state Medicaid programs do this, as does Wellmark). Iowa's Medicaid program requires an undergraduate college degree; other states require either that or a high school degree with the training required to get certification.	House Human Resources Committee
HF692	Direct Care Workforce Registry	Expands the direct care workforce registry to include all certified nurse assistants regardless of employment setting. Directs DIA to convene a stakeholder advisory work group to plan for the expansion.	House Human Resources Committee
HF717	Home Retrofitting Tax Credit	Creates a home retrofitting tax credit up to \$5,000 per project. Limits the credit to \$30,000 total for each qualified taxpayer. Applies to tax years beginning on 1/1/2022.	House Ways & Means Committee
HF731	Telehealth Providers	Prohibits certain health carriers from excluding out-of-state health care professionals from providing telehealth services if the individual is licensed in Iowa and is able to satisfy the same criteria a carrier uses to qualify in-state providers.	House Human Resources Committee

HF769	Vaccine Information	Requires DPH to ensure that health care providers are aware of and comply with vaccine requirements, including providing relevant federal vaccine information statements and verbal information regarding the FDA vaccine adverse event reporting system and the national vaccine injury compensation program prior to the patient receiving the vaccine.	House Human Resources Committee
HF773	Medicaid Waiver/IMD	Requires DHS to submit a Medicaid waiver to provide and seek federal financial participation for services to members with serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance during short-term stays for acute care in residential and inpatient settings that qualify as institutions for mental diseases. Passed House 97-0	Senate Human Resources Committee
HF784	Telehealth Reimbursement	Requires health insurers to reimburse for services provided by telehealth at the same rates as in-person services. Does not include site of service waiver (provider still must be in approved facility). Applies to all services, not just mental health.	House Human Resources Committee
HF795	Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder Training	Requires schools that have an enrolled student with epilepsy or seizure disorder to provide training certain employees. Requires school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to have at least one employee at each school with appropriate training. Requires school attendance centers to provide training to all school personnel who have direct contact with and supervise children. Requires student's parent/guardian to provide written authorization to administer medication. Passed House 91-0.	Senate Education Committee
HF866	Service Animals/Landlord Tenant Bill	Requires a tenant request for an accommodation of a service animal must be reasonable. Allows the landlord to accommodate the tenant by relocating to another unit. Passed House 58-35.	Senate Ways & Means Committee
HR12	Therapy Animal Importance	Designates April 30 National Therapy Animal Day in Iowa, recognizing the national significance of therapy animals and their handlers.	House Floor
HSB169, SSB1164	Medicaid Processes/Oversight	Defines "clean claims" and requires Medicaid MCOs pay 90% of clean claims within 14 days and 100% within 30 days. Gives MCOs 30 days to correctly enter new provider rates and reprocess and pay affected claims. Requires MCOs to give providers the ability to submit and track all claims and disputes online in real time. Requires DHS to hire a uniform authorization and credentialing verification service for both managed care and fee for service system. Prohibits MCOs from requiring additional credentialing.	House & Senate Commerce Committees
HSB221, SF228, HF600	Electronic Public Notices	Allows governments to publish notice electronically in lieu of newspaper publication. Requires that paper copies be available. Requires the government to make email accounts available for persons to receive such notices. Takes effect July 1, 2022.	House & Senate Local Government Committees

HSB27, SSB1007	Adult/Minor Guardianships and Conservatorships	Makes provisions related to opening, administration, and termination of adult guardianships and adult and minor conservatorships. Addresses guardianship proceeding notices, court visitor qualifications, court-ordered professional evaluations, guardian background checks, emergency appointment of a temporary guardian or conservator, initial verified care plans, and termination of guardianships and conservatorships.	House Judiciary Committee
SCR5	Nursing Facility Visitation Practices	Urges the US Congress to approve legislation allowing states flexibility in determining COVID-19 visitation parameters at nursing facilities. Passed Senate 47-0.	House State Government Committee
SF17	Disability Provider/Income Tax Exemption	Make income earned by a person working for a nonprofit organization that provides services to individuals with disabilities or mental illness from state income tax. Does not define type of job; applies to all. Takes effect January 1, 2022.	Senate Ways & Means Committee
SF53, HF322	Electronic Absentee Ballots	Allows voters who have a physical disability that prevents the voter from reading and marking a physical ballot without assistance to receive an electronic absentee ballot.	Senate State Government Committee
SF61	Medicaid Improvements	Requires DHS to ensure long-term services and support services are provided in a conflict-free manner; MCOs to develop and administer a workforce recruitment, retention, and training program; DHS to create of an external independent review process for Medicaid providers for the review of final adverse determinations of the MCOs' internal appeal processes; DHS to change MCO responsibilities regarding member disenrollment; and MCOs to apply uniform authorization criteria for credentialing and recredentialing providers. Adds funding for the office of long-term care ombudsman and the Medicaid managed care ombudsman program.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF92	Telehealth Reimbursement	Requires health insurance carriers to reimburse for services provided by telehealth at the same rate as in-person services. Effective upon enactment and applies retroactively to January 1, 2021. Applies to all services, not just mental health.	Senate Commerce Committee
SF105	Student Sexual Exploitation	Makes sexual exploitation of a student with a disability by a community college employee a criminal offense.	Senate Judiciary Committee
SF115	Absentee Ballots	Changes the date by which an absentee ballot request must be received to 15 days before an election, and the date by which a ballot must be postmarked to 10 days before an election.	Senate State Government Committee
SF145	Dependent Care Campaign Expenses	Allows a candidate to pay for dependent care expenses using campaign funds.	Senate State Government Committee

SF159	Governor's Education Plan	Establishes a student first scholarship program for certain students attending a nonpublic school. Establishes a new charter school program and allows anyone to open enroll in schools (this part was passed in 2021 in another bill). Allows taxpayers to receive tuition and textbook tax credit for each dependent receiving private instruction (effective upon enactment). Changes to current law governing calculation of each school districts' additional enrollment because of special education (effective upon enactment). Amends current law to specify that a school corporation is entrusted with public funds to improve student outcomes. Passed Senate 26-21.	House Education Committee
SF161	Direct Care Workforce Database	Requires DIA to establish a direct care workforce database system and advisory council, and tasks agencies with supportive assignments.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF168	AEA Services	Requires area education agencies to provide services and supports on nonpublic school premises, if the parent/guardian grants permission.	Senate Education Committee
SF190	Long-Term Services/Supports	Requires DHS to move Medicaid long-term services and supports from MCOs to fee-for-service administration. Takes effect upon enactment.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF219	Elderly/Disabled Property Tax Credit	Increases to \$2,000 the maximum amount of property taxes due or rent constituting property taxes paid that may be considered in calculating the elderly and disabled property tax credit or rent reimbursement.	Senate Ways & Means Committee
SF293	MH/DS Transportation Services	Includes transportation as a core service under the regional mental health and disability services system.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF348	Adult/Minor Guardianships and Conservatorships	Makes changes relating to the administration of adult and minor guardianships and conservatorships. Gives juvenile court exclusive jurisdiction of minor guardianship proceedings. Makes juvenile court records in guardianships confidential. Requires submission of name and address of any adult who has had primary care of the person or with whom the person has lived within six months prior to the filing. Details required information and notices of guardianship proceedings. Specifies court visitor qualifications. Changes background check requirements. Allows district court access to dependent adult abuse information. Establishes the powers of a conservator. Amends reporting requirements for guardians and conservators. Passed Senate 47-0.	House Judiciary Committee
SF379	Medicaid LTSS Reimbursement	Requires DHS to conduct a reimbursement rate review for long-term services and supports providers. Findings due November 1, 2021.	Senate Human Resources Committee

SF389	Public Assistance Oversight	Requires initial and "periodic" income verification and a new asset test on all household members of food assistance (SNAP), family support (FIP) and Medicaid benefit recipients and applicants and requires SNAP applicants to cooperate with the child support recovery unit. Requires DHS to redesign and implement a new eligibility verification system and hire a third party to run the system by July 1, 2022. Requires DHS to complete an identity authentication process for applicants. Passed Senate 30-18.	House Human Resources Committee
SF423	State Boards/Senate Confirmation	Eliminates Senate confirmation for Governor's appointees to several boards and councils, including Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board, Public Information Board, Civil Rights Commission, all Department of Human Rights Commissions (including Commission on the Status of Women, Commission on Persons with Disabilities, Commission on Deaf Services), Council on Human Services, MH/DS Commission, Commission on Aging, Child Advocacy Board, Board of Corrections, on Judicial Qualifications, hawk-I Board, Early Childhood State Board, Iowa Autism Council, and Children's Behavioral Health Board.	Senate State Government Committee
SF431	Education Savings Grant Program	Establishes an education savings grant program for certain students attending a nonpublic school or receiving competent private instruction.	Senate Ways & Means Committee
SF453	Electronic Publication of Public Notices	Provides that an area education agency, a school district, a county or city legislative body, or a county or city officer that is required by statute to publish a notice, action, or other information in a newspaper may instead publish the notice on the respective governmental body's internet site.	Senate Education Committee
SF463	Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact	Adopts the interstate occupational therapy licensure compact that establishes a system whereby occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants licensed to practice in one member state may practice in another member state under a compact privilege without applying for a license in that state. Passed Senate 47-0.	House Human Resources Committee
SF487	State Professions Regulation	States that unregulated professions are only to be restricted in order to protect the public (and not to restrict competition) and legislators considering a bill to regulate these professions are to determine certain conditions exist before proceeding (credible evidence potential for harm exists, public would benefit from regulation, protection cannot be achieved in other ways, and that the option before them is the "least restrictive" option available). Written reports are required detailing these and other considerations made before passing legislation, as well as before adding more regulations to existing regulated professions. Requires evidence of efficacy for any new CEUs. Requires the state government efficiency review committee to create a schedule for review of approximately one-fifth of all professional licensing and regulation boards each calendar year between 2022 and 2027. Requires the Legislature to act on the recommendations, or the board reviewed will sunset. Passed Senate 30-17.	House Unfinished Business Calendar

SF502	Nursing Home Visitation Shelter Tax Credit	Creates a nursing home visitation shelter tax credit. The amount of the credit equals 50 percent of the cost of construction a shelter not to exceed \$100,000 per application. Takes effect upon enactment and applies retroactively to January 1, 2021.	Senate Ways & Means Committee
SF507	Long-Term Care Facility/Hospital Visitation	Makes provisions related to long-term care facility and hospital practices during a national public health emergency or public health disaster. Allows a private pay long-term care facility to implement in-person, indoor visitation policies for residents and tenants that are less restrictive than the policies applicable to facilities accepting public sources of payment. Requires hospitals to permit a patient to have at least two visitors who are related to the patient within certain parameters.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF513	MH/SA Police Report Confidentiality	Requires any law enforcement report regarding a person experiencing a mental health crisis, substance-related disorder crisis, or housing crisis to be kept confidential when the report is generated to provide crisis intervention.	Senate Judiciary Committee
SF522	Crimes Against Older Adults	Establishes certain criminal offenses and civil actions against older adults and dependent adults. Establishes the crimes of older individual assault (for individuals age 60 or older) and theft against older individuals. Makes the civil penalty for consumer fraud committed against individuals age 60 or older consistent with other crimes against older lowans. Establishes older adults abuse offenses and financial exploitation crimes against older adults. Passed Senate 47-0.	House Judiciary Committee
SF526	Emergency MH/SA Treatment	Allows treatment in an access center for a person who is detained due to experiencing an MH/SA crisis.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SF555	Vaccinations/ Immunizations	Prohibits an employer from mandating employees get vaccinated for COVID-19. Prohibits a driver's license/ID card from including vaccination/immunization status, immunity status, or test results relating to a communicable disease.	Senate Human Resources Committee
SSB1035	Adult/Minor Guardianships and Conservatorships	Amends current law governing adult and minor guardianships and conservatorships. Division I- Requires a petition for minor guardianships must include the name and address of the primary caregiver or adult with whom the minor has lived during the six months prior to the filing. Requires parents be informed they may be entitled to an attorney. Provides the qualifications and term of service for a court visitor. Provides that background check results for a proposed guardian may be used. Requires initial care plan include guardian;s plan for funds and benefits payable for support of the minor. Division II- Makes requirements for a petition for appointment of guardian or conservator for an adult the same. Provides qualifications for court visitor. Removes the standard of clear and convincing evidence to prove cause for termination of a guardianship or conservatorship.	Senate Judiciary Committee



SSB1200	PANS/PANDAS Coverage	Requires health insurance providers to offer coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) for patients 18 and younger.	Senate Commerce Committee
SSB1222	Medicaid Transportation Services	Requires MCOs to coordinate with urban or regional transit systems. Requires MCOs to provide transit systems with the right of first refusal in providing services.	Senate Human Resources Committee