



Today!
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Welcome (Brooke Lovelace)

Federal Update (Erin Prangle)

- Director of Public Policy, National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities

State Update (Amy Campbell)

- 2026 Musical Chairs
- Leadership Changes
- New Senator Elected

Election Update (Secretary of State's Office – invited)

- Key Dates & Changes to Election Laws

What Can You Do? (Amy Campbell & Brooke Lovelace)

- Vote!
- Support Caregiver Fair Wages - due September 2
- Workday with Your Legislator – National Disability Employment Awareness Month (October)

Federal Update



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Public Policy Director

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Federal Update

Iowa HHS Council Meeting Materials

---> hhs.iowa.gov/events/iowa-hhs-council-meeting-august-28-2025



2025 Federal Reconciliation Bill

In July of 2025, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA) was signed into law. The bill includes major changes to how the federal government supports low-income families through healthcare and nutrition programs. These changes are aimed at reducing federal spending and tightening eligibility rules. Below is a breakdown of how each of the provisions of the bill impact Iowa's health and human services system, and how they could impact the Iowa HHS state budget.

SNAP (Food Assistance Program)

Cuts to Administrative Funding:

- ▶ The bill reduces funding to states for running the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as food stamps.
- ▶ This means states will have fewer resources for processing applications, conducting outreach, and assisting families.

Error Rate Penalties:

- ▶ States will face stricter financial penalties if they are found to have high "error rates" in who receives benefits—even if those errors don't involve fraud.

Performance Metrics Tied to Funding:

- ▶ Some federal SNAP funding will now depend on states meeting new efficiency and compliance benchmarks.

Medicaid and Medicaid Eligibility

Stricter Eligibility and Renewals:

- ▶ States must check residency more frequently utilizing federal and other data sources monthly.
- ▶ States must review certain Medicaid recipients more frequently (every six months compared to the current 12 months) to retain coverage.

Work Requirements:

- ▶ Certain adults without dependents under age 13 must now meet work, job-training, or community engagement requirements to stay on Medicaid.
- ▶ This will primarily affect non-disabled, low-income adults between ages 19–64.

Cap on Federal Funding Growth:

- ▶ The bill limits how quickly federal Medicaid funding can grow each year, even if healthcare costs rise.
- ▶ Over time, states may have to cover more of the cost or reduce benefits/services.

Projected Coverage Losses:

- ▶ Federal analysts estimate that 10 to 12 million Americans will lose Medicaid coverage over the next 10 years under this law.

Potential Financial Impacts to Iowa

SNAP Payment Error Rate

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) measures improper benefit payments through the Payment Error Rate (PER) process.

Under the PER process, FNS:

- ▶ Obtains a subsample of cases reviewed by state's Quality Control unit and validates the state's findings
- ▶ Disregards individual case errors of \$57 or less (referred to as "tolerance errors" which are not included in the PER)
- ▶ Determines the state's PER

The PER is determined by:

- ▶ Adding together overpayments (too much given) and underpayments (too little given) in the sample and then,

- ▶ Dividing the sum of overpayments and underpayments by the total amount of benefits issued in the sample and multiplying by 100.

total amount of payment errors in the sample

$$12,500 \div 250,000 \times 100 = 5\% \text{ PER}$$

total allotments issued in the sample

- ▶ The PER is determined every year. Today, states with error rates at or above 6% must complete a Corrective Action Plan. States with error rates above the national average for 2 consecutive years also incur a financial liability. The FFY24 national PER rate is 10.93%.

FFY	SNAP Error Rate	Total SNAP Allotment	Cost Share %	State Responsibility Would've Been
2024	6.14%	\$529M	5%	\$26.5M
2023	5.19%	\$509M	0%	0%
2022	8.6%	\$596.8M	10%	\$59.7M
2019	12.47%	\$429.3M	15%	\$64.4M
2018	10.02%	\$446.2M	15%	\$66.9M

*2020 & 2021 didn't have QC error rates due to COVID.



Projected Snap Error Rate for FFY 2025 is 5.9%

(Based on 5/12 months of data)



Rep. Bobby Kaufmann elected House Majority Leader.

- Replaces Rep. Matt Windschitl, who is running for Congress in 4th District
- House Ways & Means Committee Chair open.
- May open chairs for HHS, Transportation, State Government
- Rep. Angel Ramirez (new Linn County legislator) still has not been assigned.

Senate Majority Leader may or may not change in 2026.

- Sen. Jack Whitver continues to be treated for brain cancer.
- May open chairs on HHS, Commerce, Transportation.



Caitlin Drey Wins, Iowa Senate “Supermajority” Ends.

- Caitlin Drey (Democrat) wins Senate District 1 seat.
- 32 Republicans, 18 Democrats

State Update



Election Update: November 4, 2025



Important 2025 Dates

August 26 – October 24

Request Mail-In Ballots

October 15 – November 3

Early Voting Period

October 20

Voter Pre-Registration Deadline

November 1

Auditor's Offices open for early voting

November 4

Polls Open 7 am – 8 pm

Mail-in Ballots must be received by 8 pm

City & School Elections

- School Board
- City Council, Mayor
- Local Initiatives
- Trustees

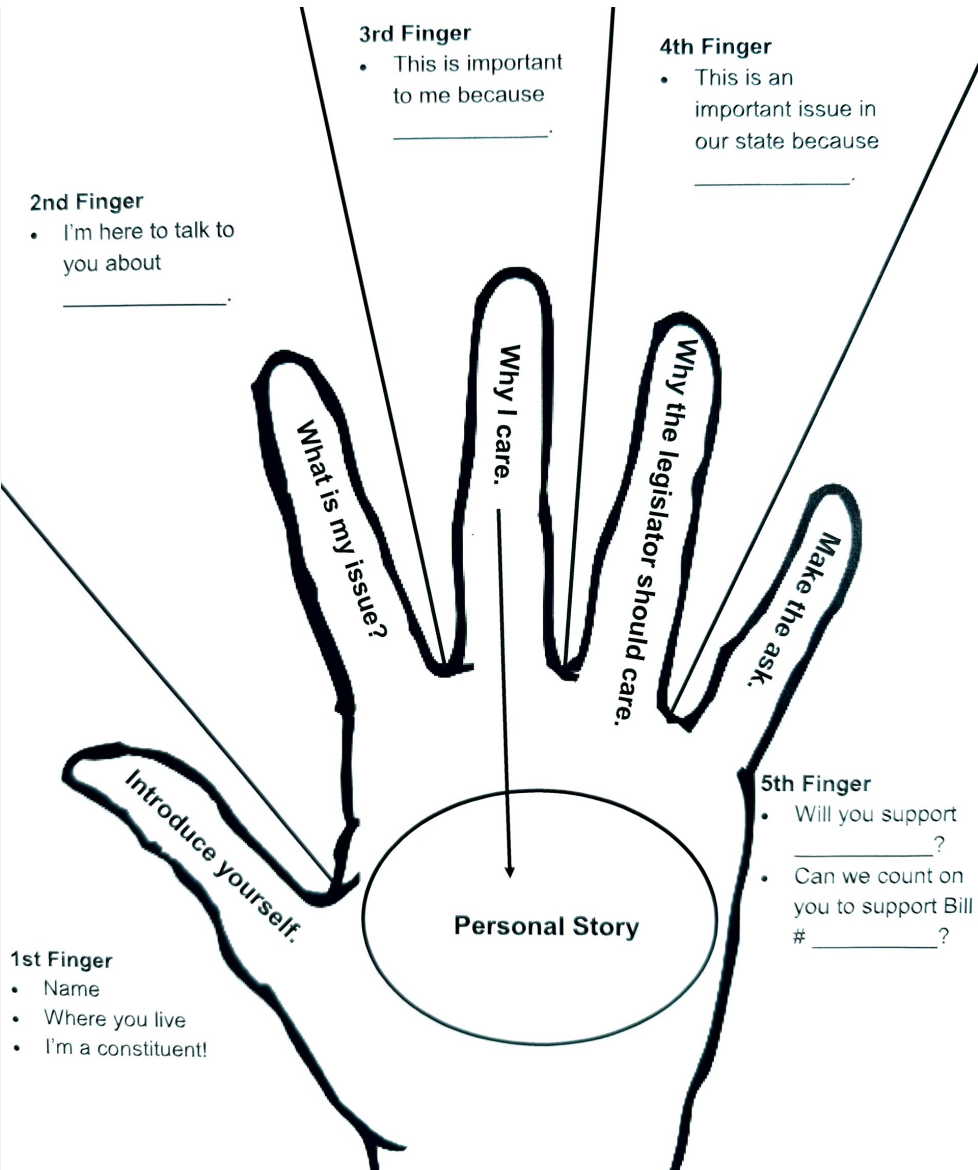
sos.iowa.gov/elections-voting



How do we make a difference?

- Solutions-based storytelling!
- Offering solutions
- Innovative solutions
- Alignment of values
- Collective voices
- Volume and consistency

Just using our voices!



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What Can You Do?

VOTE on November 4!

---> Check your registration (county auditor) and make a plan to vote!



US Department of Labor Rules ([WHD-2025-0001-0001](#))

- > Removes pay, overtime protections for in-home caregivers
- > No guaranteed minimum wage, overtime
- > Rolls back law to 1970s
- > Treats caregivers as "babysitters" and "companions"
- > Disability Scoop article [here](#).
- > Comments due Tuesday, September 2 (by 10:59 pm Iowa time)



SCAN ME

Workday with Your Legislator

- > National Disability Employment Awareness Month (October)
- > Invite your legislator to learn about your job
- > iowaddcouncil.org/workday-with-my-legislator



Tools to Help Your Advocacy

Available at lowaddcouncil.org

- Who Represents You? Guide to the Iowa Legislature and Congress
- Bill Tracker
- Take Action Center
- Bills of the Week
- Talking Points for Advocates
- Legislator Forums and Calendar



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Capitol Chats

September 26 (Noon-1 pm)

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/september-2025-capitol-chat>

October 31 (Noon-1 pm)

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/october-2025-capitol-chat>

December 5 (Noon-1 pm)

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/december-2025-capitol-chat>

Sign Up or Watch Recording: iowaddcouncil.org/capitol-chat