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nual), Shattercane (annual).  
In case of landowners and tenants failing to comply with an order to destroy weeds made pursuant to Chapter 317, Chapter 58 of the Iowa Code, and amendments thereto, the Weed Commissioner or Deputies assigned by the Weed Commissioner may enter private lands five days after serving a destruction notice in order to conduct control on any weed infestation. The cost of this destruction, the cost of serving notice, and other related costs will be billed. If the weed infestation. The cost of this destruction, the cost of serving notice, and other related costs will be billed. If the bill is not paid, the cost of said destruction will be assessed to the tax rolls of the weed violator. Also, the weed commissioner may pose a fine for each day of noncompliance up to ten days at the rate of ten dollars per day.  
BY ORDER OF the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LUCAS COUNTY  
Passed and approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025  
Larry Davis, Chairman  
Dianna Daly-Husted, Weed Commissioner  
Julie Masters, Lucas County Auditor

**ORDINANCE#172**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-4.400 (3) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF RUSSELL, LUCAS COUNTY, IOWA**  
**Be it Enacted by the Council of the City of Russell, Iowa:**  
Section 1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to amend provisions of the Russell Municipal Code regarding charges for solid waste collection and disposal.  
Section 2. **AMENDMENTS.** Section 3-4.400 (3) is hereby amended by replacing \$20.50 with \$21.50.  
Section 3. **REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed.  
Section 4. **SEVERABILITY.** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.  
Section 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.  
Passed by the council the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025 and ap-

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proved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.  
Chris Feehan  
Chris Feehan, Mayor  
Attest:  
Cindy A Smith  
Cindy Smith, City Clerk  
**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR LUCAS COUNTY**  
**IN THE MATTER OF**  
**THE ESTATE OF**  
**RUTH ANN RYUN,**  
**Deceased**  
**CASE NO. ESPR021612**  
**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Ruth Ann Ryun, Deceased, who died on or about January 30, 2025:  
You are hereby notified that on March 12, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Ruth Ann Ryun, deceased, bearing date of May 2, 1985, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Thomas M. Koffman was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.  
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.  
Dated March 12, 2025  
Thomas M. Koffman,  
Executor of Estate  
704 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Indianola, IA 50125  
William L. Shelton,  
ICIS#:AT0007183  
Attorney for Executor  
Shelton Law Firm  
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Date of Seconded Publication  
March 28, 2025.

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Iowa Senate approves bill setting expanded Medicaid work requirements



Robin Opsahl  
Iowa Capital Dispatch

The Iowa Senate passed legislation Tuesday setting work requirements for Iowans on the state's expanded Medicaid program.  
Senate File 615, passed by the Senate in a 33-15 vote, would make work requirements mandatory for the continued existence of the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan, also known as IHAWP, the Medicaid coverage available for low-income, able-bodied adults from ages 19 to 64.  
The legislation was amended in committee to require people to work at least 80 hours each month to continue receiving this health coverage. That's an increase from an earlier version of the Senate bill that set the requirement at 20 hours, but the amended bill aligns with the House work requirements bill.  
There are some exceptions to the proposed IHAWP work requirements, including for people with disabilities, in substance abuse treatment programs for a period of up to six months and those with children under age 6. According to the Legislative Services Agency, there are about 181,000 individuals currently enrolled in IHAWP,

12.3% of whom would be medically exempt from work requirements, and another 10% exempt through other provisions under the legislation — leaving roughly 142,000 Iowans subject to work requirements.  
LSA stated that about 32,000 individuals may lose IHAWP coverage with the implementation of work requirements. The fiscal note stated that based on data from the implementation of Medicaid work or community engagement requirements in Arkansas, LSA estimated nearly 25% of individuals subject to Medicaid work requirements in Iowa may fail to meet work and reporting requirements and lose IHAWP coverage, with 10.5% estimated to later regain coverage.  
The nonpartisan LSA said in its fiscal note that Iowa Department of Health and Human Services has not responded to multiple requests for information, but that it estimated the cost of Medicaid work requirements would result in decreased Medicaid expenditures of \$3.1 million in fiscal year 2026 and \$17.5 million in FY 2027.  
Though few senators spoke on the legislation during floor debate, Sen. Molly Donahue, D-Mari-

on, said after the debate that "the most important thing that people need to know in our communities back home, is that we received a fiscal note that is not worth the paper it is on" because HHS did not respond to LSA's requests for information. She said she and other lawmakers had also not received information they requested from HHS on the implementation of Medicaid work requirements.  
Iowa HHS did not respond to a request for comment on the LSA note or comments made by senators.  
"So the only information we have is from Arkansas and Atlanta," she said. "... We know that in

Arkansas, it costs about 27-28 million dollars beyond their savings. And in Georgia, it was 80-some million dollars more than their savings. We are not going to save money on this. It is going to cost Iowa far more — not just the people who are losing their health care if that happens, but those of us who are paying for our health care."  
She said the costs of health care for these individuals will be shifted to others in the system. Donahue argued the legislation will not help push people on IHAWP into the workforce, but  
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