

**In the Iowa Supreme Court**

**In the Matter of Adopting  
Amendments to Chapter 16  
Regarding Exhibit Maintenance  
Orders and the Filing of Social  
Records in Juvenile Court  
Proceedings**

**Order**

The Iowa Supreme Court adopts amendments to Chapter 16 Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure affecting juvenile court proceedings.

The first set of amendments to chapter 16 removes the exemption from filing exhibit maintenance orders for juvenile court proceedings. After the effective date of this order, juvenile courts will be required to file exhibit maintenance orders in the same manner as in all other court proceedings.

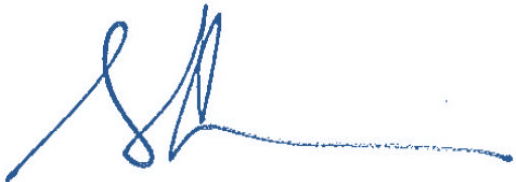
The second set of amendments relates to the filing of social records such as social reports, permanency reports, and predisposition reports. Since the judicial branch's implementation of its Electronic Document Management System (EDMS), some courts have required that social records be filed as proposed exhibits, whereas other courts have required that social records be filed using an accurate document type corresponding to the type of document from the options listed in EDMS. After the effective date of this order, all filers will be required to file social records using the corresponding document type rather than filing these records as proposed exhibits.

Two memos are also being filed with this order. The first memo provides judges, clerks of court, and filers with background information relevant to why these rule changes have been made. The second memo provides filers with instructions on how to file social records under the amended chapter 16 rules.

The amendments to the Chapter 16 Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure provided with this order are adopted effective October 3, 2022.

Dated this 19th day of September 2022.

**The Iowa Supreme Court**

By:   
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Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice