

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**

**First Amendment to September 19,
2022 Order**

On September 19, 2022, the supreme court filed an order regarding Chapter 16 Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure amendments related to the filing of social reports and social records in juvenile court proceedings in the court's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) and removing the exemption provided for juvenile court proceedings from exhibit maintenance order requirements.

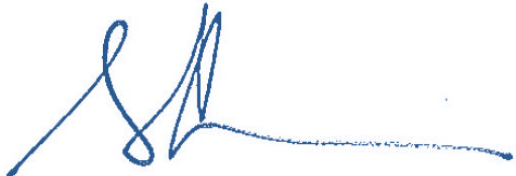
The court amends its September 19, 2022 order to clarify that Iowa Department of Health and Human Services employees, county attorneys, and other parties to the case should continue to file evidentiary documents such as the results of parental drug testing, psychological evaluations, photographs of the home, letters written by grandparents, and the like, as proposed exhibits in juvenile court proceedings.

Social investigatory reports required by Iowa Code section 232.48 as well as other types of reports and examinations required by chapter 232 of the Iowa Code or specifically ordered by the court, such as reports of physical and mental examinations of the child (as discussed in section 232.49) and the reports of Court Appointed Special Advocates and guardians ad litem, should be filed using the relevant EDMS document type rather than filed as proposed exhibits.

Additionally, the background memorandum that accompanied the September order erroneously included "substance abuse evaluations" in the list of examples of "social records" as defined by section 232.2(31). That reference has been corrected to "reports of physical and mental examinations" (one of the referenced examples in section 232.2(31)) and an amended memorandum is provided with this order.

Dated this 4th day of October 2022.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By: 

Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice