



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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US Department of Justice  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
PREA Management Office

To Whom it May Concern,

The State of Iowa continues its commitment to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) principles. The Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) and the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) maintain a zero tolerance policy of sexual violence in all facilities. This includes: implementing systems to proactively identify victims and predators, investigation of all reported instances of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, provision of appropriate care to victims and continuous review to ensure ongoing compliance. These efforts contribute to safer correctional facilities and a safer Iowa.

IDOC and HHS have adopted policies and procedures that meet the final PREA standards. Prior to 2025, all IDOC and HHS facilities had undergone audits and were in full compliance. Three correctional institutions and six community confinement facilities were audited this year during Audit Year 3 of Cycle 4. The facilities audited during this cycle were Clarinda Correctional Facility, Iowa State Penitentiary, Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, Marshalltown Residential Facility, ANCHOR Center for Women, Davenport Residential Facility, Davenport Work Release Facility, West Union Residential Facility, and Dubuque Residential Facility which are all in full compliance with the PREA Standards.

The importance of eliminating sexual violence in correctional facilities is fully understood by the IDOC and HHS, these agencies will continue partnering with the DOJ to meet the PREA standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds  
Governor

**Certification Regarding Adoption of and Full Compliance with  
the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape  
2025 Governor's Certification for Audit Year 3 of Cycle 4  
August 20, 2024–August 19, 2025**

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 30307(e)(2)(A) and (D)(iii), I certify to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ):

As of August 19, 2025, the state<sup>1</sup> named below had adopted, and was in full compliance with, the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape (28 C.F.R. Part 115).

If, after the date of signature of this certification, credible information should come to the attention of the undersigned (or his or her successor) that casts reasonable doubt on the accuracy of this certification, the same shall conduct a reassessment and determine whether this certification was accurate. If the certification is determined not to have been accurate, the undersigned or a designee will:

1. Within 15 days, notify DOJ, at [PREA.Certifications@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:PREA.Certifications@ojp.usdoj.gov), of the existence of the inaccuracy.
2. Within 15 days of providing such notice,
  - a. Agree to return 5% of its covered DOJ grant funds for fiscal year 2026 as calculated by DOJ; or
  - b. Take other appropriate action as instructed by the awarding agency.

  
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Signature of Chief Executive

Kim Reynolds  
Printed Name of Chief Executive

Iowa  
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Name of State

10/27/25  
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Date

<sup>1</sup> In this document, "state" refers to states, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

*A false statement in this certification or in the grant application that it supports may be subject to criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 34 U.S.C. § 10272. DOJ grants, including certifications provided in connection with such grants, are subject to review by the DOJ component that issued the grant and/or by the DOJ Office of the Inspector General.*