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## **MOTOR VEHICLE NEWSLETTER Iowa DOT Central Programs Bureau January 2025**

### **E-Title Transfers**

More states, like AZ and WV, are allowing for electronic title transfer through state systems (e-titles). Iowa cannot accept this product today because it does not conform with Iowa Code requiring the surrender of an actual title for a vehicle transfer and we are not part of these state-level systems. Iowa can also not accept a printout that shows evidence of a title transfer. Any customer who obtained a vehicle through these methods will need to obtain a physical title, and we have been assured by these states that they will continue to issue physical titles on demand.

### **Removal of “Style”**

In an effort to reduce requirements or restrictions in the titling process, vehicle “style” was removed from the application during the December code change for Any County implementation. Style is not required on the application by code and it was confusing to some customers, dealers, and counties. The dealer association (IADA) asked that it be removed and worked with members of MVD and ISCTA in a working group to update the title application for Any County legislation.

### **Odometer Correction Guidance Update**

The odometer correction guidance sheet has been updated to reflect issues that occurred while working with counties on corrections. We were able to identify instructions that were not clear on the path that would best be taken by the customers, and when something needs DOT approval. Odometer corrections that are handled by the odometer email will be documented as inspection (pass/fail) and a sticky note in ARTS, and any paperwork received in the odometer email box to complete the correction will be sent to the county that will be issuing the corrected title. Please keep the paperwork with the scanned title records when the corrected title is issued. The guidance sheet has been updated on the county website in the training and documentation section. Please look over the [odometer correction guidance sheet](#) and send any additional questions to Debbie Freeman [Deborah.freeman@iowadot.us](mailto:Deborah.freeman@iowadot.us).

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