

CHAPTER 77  
CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION FOR PROVIDERS  
OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE

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**441—77.1(249A) Physicians.** All physicians (doctors of medicine and osteopathy) licensed to practice in the state of Iowa are eligible to participate in the program. Physicians in other states are also eligible if duly licensed to practice in that state.

**441—77.2(249A) Retail pharmacies.** Pharmacies are eligible to participate providing they are licensed in the state of Iowa or duly licensed in other states.

**441—77.3(249A) Hospitals.** All hospitals licensed in the state of Iowa and certified as eligible to participate in Part A of the Medicare program (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act) are eligible to participate in the medical assistance program. Hospitals in other states are also eligible if duly licensed and certified for Medicare participation in that state.

**441—77.4(249A) Dentists.** All dentists licensed to practice in the state of Iowa are eligible to participate in the program. Dentists in other states are also eligible if duly licensed to practice in that state.

NOTE: DENTAL LABORATORIES—Payment will not be made to a dental laboratory.

**441—77.5(249A) Podiatrists.** All podiatrists licensed to practice in the state of Iowa are eligible to participate in the program. Podiatrists in other states are also eligible if duly licensed to practice in that state.

**441—77.6(249A) Optometrists.** All optometrists licensed to practice in the state of Iowa are eligible to participate in the program. Optometrists in other states are also eligible if duly licensed to practice in that state.

**441—77.7(249A) Opticians.** All opticians in the state of Iowa are eligible to participate in the program. Opticians in other states are also eligible to participate.

NOTE: Opticians in states having licensing requirements for this professional group must be duly licensed in that state.

**441—77.8(249A) Chiropractors.** All chiropractors licensed to practice in the state of Iowa are eligible to participate providing they have been determined eligible to participate in Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare) by the Social Security Administration. Chiropractors in other states are also eligible if duly licensed to practice in that state and determined eligible to participate in Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

**441—77.9(249A) Home health agencies.** Home health agencies are eligible to participate providing they are certified to participate in the Medicare program (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act) and, unless exempted under subrule 77.9(5), have submitted a surety bond as required by subrules 77.9(1) to 77.9(6).

**77.9(1) Definitions.**

“*Assets*” includes any listing that identifies Medicaid recipients to whom home health services were furnished by a participating or formerly participating home health agency.

“*Rider*” means a notice issued by a surety that a change in the bond has occurred or will occur.

“*Uncollected overpayment*” means a Medicaid overpayment, including accrued interest, for which the home health agency is responsible that has not been recouped by the department within 60 days from the date of notification that an overpayment has been identified.

**77.9(2) Parties to surety bonds.** The surety bond shall name the home health agency as the principal, the Iowa department of human services as the obligee and the surety company (and its heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assignees, jointly and severally) as surety. The bond shall be issued by

a company holding a current Certificate of Authority issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury in accordance with 31 U.S.C. Sections 9304 to 9308 and 31 CFR Part 223 as amended to November 30, 1984, Part 224 as amended to May 29, 1996, and Part 225 as amended to September 12, 1974. The bond shall list the surety's name, street address or post office box number, city, state and ZIP code. The company shall not have been determined by the department to be unauthorized in Iowa due to:

*a.* Failure to furnish timely confirmation of the issuance of and the validity and accuracy of information appearing on a surety bond that a home health agency presents to the department that shows the surety company as surety on the bond.

*b.* Failure to timely pay the department in full the amount requested, up to the face amount of the bond, upon presentation by the department to the surety company of a request for payment on a surety bond and of sufficient evidence to establish the surety company's liability on the bond.

*c.* Other good cause.

The department shall give public notice of a determination that a surety company is unauthorized in Iowa and the effective date of the determination by publication of a notice in the newspaper of widest circulation in each city in Iowa with a population of 50,000 or more. A list of surety companies determined by the department to be unauthorized in Iowa shall be maintained and shall be available for public inspection by contacting the division of medical services of the department. The determination that a surety company is unauthorized in Iowa has effect only in Iowa and is not a debarment, suspension, or exclusion for the purposes of Federal Executive Order No. 12549.

**77.9(3) Surety company obligations.** The bond shall guarantee payment to the department, up to the face amount of the bond, of the full amount of any uncollected overpayment, including accrued interest, based on payments made to the home health agency during the term of the bond. The bond shall provide that payment may be demanded from the surety after available administrative collection methods for collecting from the home health agency have been exhausted.

**77.9(4) Surety bond requirements.** Surety bonds secured by home health agencies participating in Medicaid shall comply with the following requirements:

*a. Effective dates and submission dates.*

(1) Home health agencies participating in the program on June 10, 1998, shall secure either an initial surety bond for the period January 1, 1998, through the end of the home health agency's fiscal year or a continuous bond which remains in effect from year to year.

(2) Home health agencies seeking to participate in Medicaid and Medicare for the first time after June 10, 1998, shall secure an initial surety bond for the period from Medicaid certification through the end of the home health agency's fiscal year or a continuous bond which remains in effect from year to year.

(3) Medicare-certified home health agencies seeking to participate in Medicaid for the first time after June 10, 1998, shall secure an initial surety bond for the period from Medicaid certification through the end of the home health agency's fiscal year or a continuous bond which remains in effect from year to year.

(4) Home health agencies seeking to participate in Medicaid after purchasing the assets of or an ownership interest in a participating or formerly participating agency shall secure an initial surety bond effective as of the date of purchase of the assets or the transfer of the ownership interest for the balance of the current fiscal year of the home health agency or a continuous bond which remains in effect from year to year.

(5) Home health agencies which continue to participate in Medicaid after the period covered by an initial surety bond shall secure a surety bond for each subsequent fiscal year of the home health agency or a continuous bond which remains in effect from year to year.

*b. Amount of bond.* Bonds for any period shall be in the amount of \$50,000 or 15 percent of the home health agency's annual Medicaid payments during the most recently completed state fiscal year, whichever is greater. After June 1, 2005, all bonds shall be in the amount of \$50,000. At least 90 days before the start of each home health agency's fiscal year, the department shall provide notice of the amount of the surety bond to be purchased and submitted to the Iowa Medicaid enterprise provider services unit.

c. *Other requirements.* Surety bonds shall meet the following additional requirements. The bond shall:

(1) Guarantee that upon written demand by the department to the surety for payment under the bond and the department's furnishing to the surety sufficient evidence to establish the surety's liability under the bond, the surety shall within 60 days pay the department the amount so demanded, up to the stated amount of the bond.

(2) Provide that the surety's liability for uncollected overpayments is based on overpayments determined during the term of the bond.

(3) Provide that the surety's liability to the department is not extinguished by any of the following:

1. Any action by the home health agency or the surety to terminate or limit the scope or term of the bond unless the surety furnishes the department with notice of the action not later than 10 days after the date of notice of the action by the home health agency to the surety and not later than 60 days before the effective date of the action by the surety.

2. The surety's failure to continue to meet the requirements in subrule 77.9(2) or the department's determination that the surety company is an unauthorized surety under subrule 77.9(2).

3. Termination of the home health agency's provider agreement.

4. Any action by the department to suspend, offset, or otherwise recover payments to the home health agency.

5. Any action by the home health agency to cease operations, sell or transfer any assets or ownership interest, file for bankruptcy, or fail to pay the surety.

6. Any fraud, misrepresentation, or negligence by the home health agency in obtaining the surety bond or by the surety (or the surety's agent, if any) in issuing the surety bond; except that any fraud, misrepresentation, or negligence by the home health agency in identifying to the surety (or the surety's agent) the amount of Medicaid payments upon which the amount of the surety bond is determined shall not cause the surety's liability to the department to exceed the amount of the bond.

7. The home health agency's failure to exercise available appeal rights under Medicaid or assign appeal rights to the surety.

(4) Provide that if a home health agency fails to furnish a bond following the expiration date of an annual bond or if a home health agency fails to furnish a rider for a year in which a rider is required or if the home health agency's provider agreement with the department is terminated, the surety shall remain liable under the most recent annual bond or rider to a continuous bond for two years from the date the home health agency was required to submit the annual bond or rider to a continuous bond or for two years from the termination date of the provider agreement.

(5) Provide that actions under the bond may be brought by the department or by an agent designated by the department.

(6) Provide that the surety may appeal department decisions.

**77.9(5)** *Exemption from surety bond requirements for government-operated home health agencies.* A home health agency operated by a federal, state, local, or tribal government agency is exempt from the bonding requirements of this rule if, during the preceding five years, the home health agency has not had any uncollected overpayments. Government-operated home health agencies having uncollected overpayments during the preceding five years shall not be exempted from the bonding requirements of this rule.

**77.9(6)** *Government-operated home health agency that loses its exemption.* A government-operated home health agency which has met the criteria for an exemption under subrule 77.9(6) but is later determined by the department not to meet the criteria shall submit a surety bond within 60 days of the date of the department's written notification to the home health agency that it no longer meets the criteria for an exemption, for the period and in the amount required in the notice from the department.

**441—77.10(249A) Medical equipment and appliances, prosthetic devices and medical supplies.** All dealers in medical equipment and appliances, prosthetic devices and medical supplies in Iowa or in other states are eligible to participate in the program.

**441—77.11(249A) Ambulance service.** Providers of ambulance service are eligible to participate providing they meet the eligibility requirements for participation in the Medicare program (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act).

**441—77.12(249A) Remedial services providers.** A provider of remedial services is eligible to participate in the medical assistance program when:

1. The provider is accredited by the mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury commission pursuant to 441—Chapter 24; or
2. The provider is certified by the department as a provider of rehabilitative treatment services pursuant to 441—185.10(234) as of August 31, 2006; or
3. The provider can demonstrate to the Iowa Medicaid enterprise that the provider has the skills and resources necessary to implement a member's treatment plan and remedial services implementation plan.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4 and 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2734, section 10, subsection 11.

**441—77.13(249A) Hearing aid dispensers.** Hearing aid dispensers are eligible to participate if they are duly licensed by the state of Iowa. Hearing aid dispensers in other states will be eligible to participate if they are duly licensed in that state.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.14(249A) Audiologists.** Audiologists are eligible to participate in the program when they are duly licensed by the state of Iowa. Audiologists in other states will be eligible to participate when they are duly licensed in that state. In states having no licensure requirement for audiologists, an audiologist shall obtain a license from the state of Iowa.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.15(249A) Community mental health centers.** Community mental health centers are eligible to participate in the medical assistance program when they comply with the standards for mental health centers in the state of Iowa established by the Iowa mental health authority.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.16(249A) Screening centers.** Public or private health agencies are eligible to participate as screening centers when they have the staff and facilities needed to perform all of the elements of screening specified in 441—78.18(249A) and meet the department of public health's standards for a child health screening center. The staff members must be employed by or under contract with the screening center. Screening centers shall direct applications to participate to the Iowa Medicaid enterprise provider services unit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.17(249A) Physical therapists.** Physical therapists are eligible to participate when they are licensed, in independent practice; and are eligible to participate in the Medicare program.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.18(249A) Orthopedic shoe dealers and repair shops.** Establishments eligible to participate in the medical assistance program are retail dealers in orthopedic shoes prescribed by physicians or podiatrists and shoe repair shops specializing in orthopedic work as prescribed by physicians or podiatrists.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.19(249A) Rehabilitation agencies.** Rehabilitation agencies are eligible to participate providing they are certified to participate in the Medicare program (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.20(249A) Independent laboratories.** Independent laboratories are eligible to participate providing they are certified to participate as a laboratory in the Medicare program (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act). An independent laboratory is a laboratory that is independent of attending and consulting physicians' offices, hospitals, and critical access hospitals.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.21(249A) Rural health clinics.** Rural health clinics are eligible to participate providing they are certified to participate in the Medicare program (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act).

**441—77.22(249A) Psychologists.** All psychologists licensed to practice in the state of Iowa and meeting the standards of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, 1981 edition, published by the council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, are eligible to participate in the medical assistance program. Psychologists in other states are eligible to participate when they are duly licensed to practice in that state and meet the standards of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 249A.4 and 249A.15.

**441—77.23(249A) Maternal health centers.** A maternal health center is eligible to participate in the Medicaid program if the center provides a team of professionals to render prenatal and postpartum care and enhanced perinatal services (see rule 441—78.25(249A)). The prenatal and postpartum care shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Standards for Obstetric Gynecologic Services. The team must have at least a physician, a registered nurse, a licensed dietitian and a person with at least a bachelor's degree in social work, counseling, sociology or psychology. Team members must be employed by or under contract with the center.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.24(249A) Ambulatory surgical centers.** Ambulatory surgical centers that are not part of hospitals are eligible to participate in the medical assistance program if they are certified to participate in the Medicare program (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act). Freestanding ambulatory surgical centers providing only dental services are also eligible to participate in the medical assistance program if the board of dental examiners has issued a current permit pursuant to 650—Chapter 29 for any dentist to administer deep sedation or general anesthesia at the facility.

**441—77.25(249A) Home- and community-based habilitation services.** To be eligible to participate in the Medicaid program as an approved provider of home- and community-based habilitation services, a provider shall meet the general requirements in subrules 77.25(2), 77.25(3), and 77.25(4) and shall meet the requirements in the subrules applicable to the individual services being provided.

**77.25(1) Definitions.**

“Guardian” means a guardian appointed in probate or juvenile court.

“Incident” means an occurrence involving a member that:

1. Results in a physical injury to or by the member that requires a physician's treatment or admission to a hospital;
2. Results in someone's death;
3. Requires emergency intervention or mental health treatment for the member;
4. Requires the intervention of law enforcement;
5. Requires a report of child abuse pursuant to Iowa Code section 232.69 or a report of dependent adult abuse pursuant to Iowa Code section 235B.3; or
6. Constitutes any prescription medication error.

**77.25(2) Organization and staff.**

a. The prospective provider shall demonstrate the fiscal capacity to initiate and operate the specified programs on an ongoing basis.

b. The provider shall complete child abuse, dependent adult abuse, and criminal background screenings pursuant to Iowa Code section 249A.29 before employing a person who will provide direct care.

c. A person providing direct care shall be at least 16 years of age.

d. A person providing direct care shall not be an immediate family member of the member.

**77.25(3) Incident reporting.** The provider shall document incidents and shall make the incident reports and related documentation available to the department upon request. The provider shall ensure cooperation in providing pertinent information regarding incidents as requested by the department.

a. *Report form.* Each incident shall be recorded on an incident report form that is completed and signed by the staff person who was directly involved at the time of the incident or who first became aware of the incident. The report shall include the following information:

(1) The name of the member involved.

(2) The date and time the incident occurred.

(3) A description of the incident.

(4) The names of all provider staff and others who were present at the time of the incident or responded after becoming aware of the incident. The confidentiality of other members who are involved in the incident must be maintained by the use of initials or other means.

(5) The action that the staff took to handle the incident.

(6) The resolution of or follow-up to the incident.

b. *Reporting procedure for incidents.* When an incident occurs, provider staff shall notify the member or the member's legal guardian within 72 hours of the incident and shall distribute the completed incident report form as follows:

(1) Forward the report to the supervisor within 24 hours of the incident.

(2) Send a copy of the report to the member's Medicaid targeted case manager and the department's bureau of long-term care within 72 hours of the incident.

(3) File a copy of the report in a centralized location and make a notation in the member's file.

**77.25(4) Restraint, restriction, and behavioral intervention.** The provider shall have in place a system for the review, approval, and implementation of ethical, safe, humane, and efficient behavioral intervention procedures. All members receiving home- and community-based habilitation services shall be afforded the protections imposed by these rules when any restraint, restriction, or behavioral intervention is implemented.

a. The system shall include procedures to inform the member and the member's legal guardian of the restraint, restriction, and behavioral intervention policy and procedures at the time of service approval and as changes occur.

b. Restraint, restriction, and behavioral intervention shall be used only for reducing or eliminating maladaptive target behaviors that are identified in the member's restraint, restriction, or behavioral intervention program.

c. Restraint, restriction, and behavioral intervention procedures shall be designed and implemented only for the benefit of the member and shall never be used as punishment, for the convenience of the staff, or as a substitute for a nonaversive program.

d. Restraint, restriction, and behavioral intervention programs shall be time-limited and shall be reviewed at least quarterly.

e. Corporal punishment and verbal or physical abuse are prohibited.

**77.25(5) Case management.** The department of human services, a county or consortium of counties, or a provider under subcontract to the department or to a county or consortium of counties is eligible to participate in the home- and community-based habilitation services program as a provider of case management services provided that the agency meets the standards in 441—Chapter 24.

**77.25(6) Day habilitation.** The following providers may provide day habilitation:

a. An agency that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities to provide services that qualify as day habilitation under 441—subrule 78.27(8).

b. An agency that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities to provide other services and began providing services that qualify as day habilitation under 441—subrule 78.27(8) since the agency's last accreditation survey. The agency may provide day habilitation services until the current accreditation expires. When the current accreditation expires, the agency must qualify under paragraph "a," "d," "g," or "h."

c. An agency that is not accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities but has applied to the Commission within the last 12 months for accreditation to provide services that qualify as day habilitation under 441—subrule 78.27(8). An agency that has not received accreditation within 12 months after application to the Commission is no longer a qualified provider.

d. An agency that is accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for People with Disabilities.

e. An agency that has applied to the Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for People with Disabilities for accreditation within the last 12 months. An agency that has not received accreditation within 12 months after application to the Council is no longer a qualified provider.

f. An agency that is accredited under 441—Chapter 24 to provide day treatment or supported community living services.

g. An agency that is certified by the department to provide day habilitation services under the home- and community-based services mental retardation waiver pursuant to rule 441—77.37(249A).

h. An agency that is accredited by the International Center for Clubhouse Development.

i. An agency that is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

j. A residential care facility of more than 16 beds that is licensed by the Iowa department of inspections and appeals, was enrolled as a provider of rehabilitation services for adults with chronic mental illness before December 31, 2006, and has applied for accreditation through one of the accrediting bodies listed in this subrule.

(1) The facility must have policies in place by June 30, 2007, consistent with the accreditation being sought.

(2) A facility that has not received accreditation within 12 months after application for accreditation is no longer a qualified provider.

**77.25(7) Home-based habilitation.** The following agencies may provide home-based habilitation services:

a. An agency that is certified by the department to provide supported community living services under:

(1) The home- and community-based services mental retardation waiver pursuant to rule 441—77.37(249A); or

(2) The home- and community-based services brain injury waiver pursuant to rule 441—77.39(249A).

b. An agency that is accredited under 441—Chapter 24 to provide supported community living services.

c. An agency that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities as a community housing or supported living service provider.

d. An agency that is accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for People with Disabilities.

e. An agency that is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children.

f. An agency that is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

g. A residential care facility of 16 or fewer beds that is licensed by the Iowa department of inspections and appeals, was enrolled as a provider of rehabilitation services for adults with chronic

mental illness before December 31, 2006, and has applied for accreditation through one of the accrediting bodies listed in this subrule.

(1) The facility must have policies in place by June 30, 2007, consistent with the accreditation being sought.

(2) A facility that has not received accreditation within 12 months after application for accreditation is no longer a qualified provider.

**77.25(8) *Prevocational habilitation.*** The following providers may provide prevocational services:

a. An agency that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities as an organizational employment service provider or a community employment service provider.

b. An agency that is accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for People with Disabilities.

c. An agency that is accredited by the International Center for Clubhouse Development.

d. An agency that is certified by the department to provide prevocational services under:

(1) The home- and community-based services mental retardation waiver pursuant to rule 441—77.37(249A); or

(2) The home- and community-based services brain injury waiver pursuant to rule 441—77.39(249A).

**77.25(9) *Supported employment habilitation.*** The following agencies may provide supported employment services:

a. An agency that is certified by the department to provide supported employment services under:

(1) The home- and community-based services mental retardation waiver pursuant to rule 441—77.37(249A); or

(2) The home- and community-based services brain injury waiver pursuant to rule 441—77.39(249A).

b. An agency that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities as an organizational employment service provider or a community employment service provider.

c. An agency that is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children.

d. An agency that is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

e. An agency that is accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for People with Disabilities.

f. An agency that is accredited by the International Center for Clubhouse Development.

**77.25(10) *Provider enrollment.*** A prospective provider that meets the criteria in this rule shall be enrolled as an approved provider of a specific component of home- and community-based habilitation services. Enrollment carries no assurance that the approved provider will receive funding. Payment for services will be made to a provider only upon department approval of the provider and of the service the provider is authorized to provide.

a. The Iowa Medicaid enterprise shall review compliance with standards for initial enrollment. Review of a provider may occur at any time.

b. The department may request any information from the prospective service provider that is pertinent to arriving at an enrollment decision. This information may include:

(1) Current accreditations.

(2) Evaluations.

(3) Inspection reports.

(4) Reviews by regulatory and licensing agencies and associations.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.26(249A) *Nurse-midwives.*** Rescinded IAB 10/15/03, effective 12/1/03.



**441—77.27(249A) Birth centers.** Birth centers are eligible to participate in the Medicaid program if they are licensed or receive reimbursement from at least two third-party payors.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.28(249A) Area education agencies.** An area education agency is eligible to participate in the Medicaid program when it has a plan for providing comprehensive special education programs and services approved by the Iowa department of education. Covered services shall be provided by personnel who are licensed, endorsed, or registered as provided in this rule and shall be within the scope of the applicable license, endorsement, or registration.

**77.28(1)** Personnel providing audiological or speech-language services shall be licensed by the Iowa board of speech pathology and audiology as a speech pathologist or audiologist pursuant to 645—Chapters 299, 300 and 303 through 305.

**77.28(2)** Personnel providing physical therapy shall be licensed by the Iowa board of physical and occupational therapy as a physical therapist pursuant to 645—Chapters 199 through 204.

**77.28(3)** Personnel providing occupational therapy shall be licensed by the Iowa board of physical and occupational therapy as an occupational therapist pursuant to 645—Chapters 205 through 210.

**77.28(4)** Personnel providing psychological evaluations and counseling or psychotherapy services shall be:

*a.* Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a school psychologist pursuant to rule 282—15.11(272);

*b.* Licensed by the Iowa board of psychology as a psychologist pursuant to 645—Chapters 239 through 243;

*c.* Licensed by the Iowa board of social work as a social worker pursuant to 645—Chapters 279 through 284;

*d.* Licensed by the Iowa board of medicine as a physician pursuant to 653—Chapters 9 through 11; or

*e.* Registered by the Iowa nursing board as an advanced registered nurse practitioner pursuant to 655—Chapter 7.

**77.28(5)** Personnel providing nursing services shall be licensed by the Iowa nursing board as a registered or licensed practical nurse pursuant to 655—Chapters 3 through 6.

**77.28(6)** Personnel providing vision services shall be:

*a.* Licensed by the Iowa nursing board as a registered or licensed practical nurse pursuant to 655—Chapters 3 through 6;

*b.* Licensed by the Iowa board of medicine as a physician pursuant to 653—Chapters 9 through 11; or

*c.* Licensed by the Iowa board of optometry as an optometrist pursuant to 645—Chapter 180.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.29(249A) Case management provider organizations.** Case management provider organizations are eligible to participate in the Medicaid program provided that they meet the standards for the populations being served. Providers shall meet the following standards:

**77.29(1) Standards in 441—Chapter 24.** Providers shall meet the standards in 441—Chapter 24 when they are the department of human services, a county or consortium of counties, or an agency or provider under subcontract to the department or a county or consortium of counties providing case management services to persons with mental retardation, developmental disabilities or chronic mental illness.

**77.29(2) Standards in 441—Chapter 186.** Rescinded IAB 10/12/05, effective 10/1/05.

**441—77.30(249A) HCBS ill and handicapped waiver service providers.** HCBS ill and handicapped waiver services shall be rendered by a person who is at least 16 years old (except as otherwise provided in this rule) and is not the spouse of the consumer served or the parent or stepparent of a consumer aged 17 or under. People who are 16 or 17 years old must be employed and supervised by an enrolled

HCBS provider unless they are employed to provide self-directed personal care services through the consumer choices option. A person hired for self-directed personal care services need not be supervised by an enrolled HCBS provider. A provider hired through the consumer choices option for independent support brokerage, self-directed personal care, individual-directed goods and services, or self-directed community support and employment is not required to enroll as a Medicaid provider. The following providers shall be eligible to participate in the Medicaid HCBS ill and handicapped waiver program if they meet the standards set forth below:

**77.30(1) Homemaker providers.** Homemaker providers shall be agencies which meet the home care standards and requirements set forth in department of public health rules, 641—80.5(135), 641—80.6(135), and 641—80.7(135) or which are certified as a home health agency under Medicare.

**77.30(2) Home health aide providers.** Home health aide providers shall be agencies which are certified to participate in the Medicare program.

**77.30(3) Adult day care providers.** Adult day care providers shall be agencies that are certified by the department of inspections and appeals as being in compliance with the standards for adult day services programs adopted by the department of elder affairs at 321—Chapter 24.

**77.30(4) Nursing care providers.** Nursing care providers shall be agencies which are certified to participate in the Medicare program as home health agencies.

**77.30(5) Respite care providers.**

a. The following agencies may provide respite services:

- (1) Home health agencies that are certified to participate in the Medicare program.
- (2) Respite providers certified under the HCBS MR or BI waiver.
- (3) Nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, and hospitals enrolled as providers in the Iowa Medicaid program.
- (4) Group living foster care facilities for children licensed by the department according to 441—Chapters 112 and 114 to 116 and child care centers licensed according to 441—Chapter 109.
- (5) Camps certified by the American Camping Association.
- (6) Home care agencies that meet the conditions of participation set forth in subrule 77.30(1).
- (7) Adult day care providers that meet the conditions of participation set forth in subrule 77.30(3).
- (8) Residential care facilities for persons with mental retardation licensed by the department of inspections and appeals.
- (9) Child care facilities, which are defined as child care centers, preschools, or child development homes registered pursuant to 441—Chapter 110.
- (10) Assisted living programs certified by the department of inspections and appeals.

b. Respite providers shall meet the following conditions:

- (1) Providers shall maintain the following information that shall be updated at least annually:
  1. The consumer's name, birth date, age, and address and the telephone number of each parent, guardian or primary caregiver.
  2. An emergency medical care release.
  3. Emergency contact telephone numbers such as the number of the consumer's physician and the parents, guardian, or primary caregiver.
  4. The consumer's medical issues, including allergies.
  5. The consumer's daily schedule which includes the consumer's preferences in activities or foods or any other special concerns.

(2) Procedures shall be developed for the dispensing, storage, authorization, and recording of all prescription and nonprescription medications administered. Home health agencies must follow Medicare regulations for medication dispensing.

All medications shall be stored in their original containers, with the accompanying physician's or pharmacist's directions and label intact. Medications shall be stored so they are inaccessible to consumers and the public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the consumer's name.

In the case of medications that are administered on an ongoing, long-term basis, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of the prescription.

(3) Policies shall be developed for:

1. Notifying the parent, guardian or primary caregiver of any injuries or illnesses that occur during respite provision. A parent's, guardian's or primary caregiver's signature is required to verify receipt of notification.

2. Requiring the parent, guardian or primary caregiver to notify the respite provider of any injuries or illnesses that occurred prior to respite provision.

3. Documenting activities and times of respite. This documentation shall be made available to the parent, guardian or primary caregiver upon request.

4. Ensuring the safety and privacy of the individual. Policies shall at a minimum address threat of fire, tornado, or flood and bomb threats.

c. A facility providing respite under this subrule shall not exceed the facility's licensed capacity, and services shall be provided in locations consistent with licensure.

d. Respite provided outside the consumer's home or the facility covered by the licensure, certification, accreditation, or contract must be approved by the parent, guardian or primary caregiver and the interdisciplinary team and must be consistent with the way the location is used by the general public. Respite in these locations shall not exceed 72 continuous hours.

**77.30(6) Counseling providers.** Counseling providers shall be:

a. Agencies which are certified under the community mental health center standards established by the mental health and developmental disabilities commission, set forth in 441—Chapter 24, Divisions I and III.

b. Agencies which are licensed as meeting the hospice standards and requirements set forth in department of inspections and appeals rules 481—Chapter 53 or which are certified to meet the standards under the Medicare program for hospice programs.

c. Agencies which are accredited under the mental health service provider standards established by the mental health and developmental disabilities commission, set forth in 441—Chapter 24, Divisions I and IV.

**77.30(7) Consumer-directed attendant care service providers.** The following providers may provide consumer-directed attendant care service:

a. An individual who contracts with the consumer to provide attendant care service and who is:

(1) At least 18 years of age.

(2) Qualified by training or experience to carry out the consumer's plan of care pursuant to the department-approved case plan or individual comprehensive plan.

(3) Not the spouse of the consumer or a parent or stepparent of a consumer aged 17 or under.

(4) Not the recipient of respite services paid through home- and community-based services on the behalf of a consumer who receives home- and community-based services.

b. Home care providers that have a contract with the department of public health or have written certification from the department of public health stating they meet the home care standards and requirements set forth in department of public health rules 641—80.5(135), 641—80.6(135), and 641—80.7(135).

c. Home health agencies which are certified to participate in the Medicare program.

d. Chore providers subcontracting with area agencies on aging or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating that the organization is qualified to provide chore services.

e. Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.

f. Providers certified under an HCBS waiver for supported community living.

g. Assisted living programs that are voluntarily accredited or certified by the department of elder affairs.

h. Adult day service providers which meet the conditions of participation for adult day care providers as specified at 441—subrule 77.30(3), 77.33(1), 77.34(7), or 77.39(20) and which have provided a point-in-time letter of notification from the department of elder affairs or an area agency on aging stating the adult day service provider also meets the requirements of department of elder affairs rules in 321—Chapter 25.

**77.30(8) Interim medical monitoring and treatment providers.**

a. The following providers may provide interim medical monitoring and treatment services:

(1) Child care facilities, which are defined as child care centers, preschools, or child development homes registered pursuant to 441—Chapter 110.

(2) Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 11/1/04.

(3) Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 11/1/04.

(4) Home health agencies certified to participate in the Medicare program.

(5) Supported community living providers certified according to subrule 77.37(14) or 77.39(13).

*b.* Staff requirements. Staff members providing interim medical monitoring and treatment services to consumers shall meet all of the following requirements:

(1) Be at least 18 years of age.

(2) Not be the spouse of the consumer or a parent or stepparent of the consumer if the consumer is aged 17 or under.

(3) Not be a usual caregiver of the consumer.

(4) Be qualified by training or experience, as determined by the usual caregivers and a licensed medical professional on the consumer's interdisciplinary team and documented in the service plan, to provide medical intervention or intervention in a medical emergency necessary to carry out the consumer's plan of care.

*c.* Service documentation. Providers shall maintain clinical and fiscal records necessary to fully disclose the extent of services furnished to consumers. Records shall specify by service date the procedures performed, together with information concerning progress of treatment.

**77.30(9) Home and vehicle modification providers.** The following providers may provide home and vehicle modification:

*a.* Area agencies on aging as designated in 321—4.4(231).

*b.* Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.

*c.* Providers eligible to participate as home and vehicle modification providers under the elderly waiver, enrolled as home and vehicle modification providers under the physical disability waiver, or certified as home and vehicle modification providers under the mental retardation or brain injury waiver.

*d.* Community businesses that have all necessary licenses and permits to operate in conformity with federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and that submit verification of current liability and workers' compensation coverage.

**77.30(10) Personal emergency response system providers.** Personal emergency response system providers shall be agencies that meet the conditions of participation set forth in subrule 77.33(2).

**77.30(11) Home-delivered meals.** The following providers may provide home-delivered meals:

*a.* Area agencies on aging as designated in 321—4.4(231). Home-delivered meals providers subcontracting with area agencies on aging or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating the organization is qualified to provide home-delivered meals services may also provide home-delivered meals services.

*b.* Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.

*c.* Nursing facilities licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135C.

*d.* Restaurants licensed and inspected under Iowa Code chapter 137B.

*e.* Hospitals enrolled as Medicaid providers.

*f.* Home health aide providers meeting the standards set forth in subrule 77.33(3).

*g.* Medical equipment and supply dealers certified to participate in the Medicaid program.

*h.* Home care providers meeting the standards set forth in subrule 77.33(4).

**77.30(12) Nutritional counseling.** The following providers may provide nutritional counseling by a licensed dietitian:

*a.* Hospitals enrolled as Medicaid providers.

*b.* Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.

*c.* Nursing facilities licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135C.

*d.* Home health agencies certified by Medicare.

*e.* Licensed dietitians approved by an area agency on aging.

**77.30(13) Financial management service.** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option shall work with a financial institution that meets the following qualifications.

- a. The financial institution shall either:
- (1) Be cooperative, nonprofit, member-owned and member-controlled, and federally insured through and chartered by either the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) or the credit union division of the Iowa department of commerce; or
  - (2) Be chartered by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).
- b. The financial institution shall complete a financial management readiness review and certification conducted by the department or its designee.
- c. The financial institution shall obtain an Internal Revenue Service federal employee identification number dedicated to the financial management service.
- d. The financial institution shall enroll as a Medicaid provider.

**77.30(14) *Independent support brokerage.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option shall work with an independent support broker who meets the following qualifications.

- a. The broker must be at least 18 years of age.
- b. The broker shall not be the consumer's guardian, conservator, attorney in fact under a durable power of attorney for health care, power of attorney for financial matters, trustee, or representative payee.
- c. The broker shall not provide any other paid service to the consumer.
- d. The broker shall not work for an individual or entity that is providing services to the consumer.
- e. The broker must consent to a criminal background check and child and dependent adult abuse checks. The results shall be provided to the consumer.
- f. The broker must complete an independent support brokerage certification approved by the department.

**77.30(15) *Self-directed personal care.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase self-directed personal care services from an individual or business that meets the following requirements.

- a. A business providing self-directed personal care services shall:
  - (1) Have all the necessary licenses and permits to operate in conformity with federal, state, and local laws and regulations; and
  - (2) Have current liability and workers' compensation coverage.
- b. An individual providing self-directed personal care services shall have all the necessary licenses required by federal, state, and local laws, including a valid driver's license if providing transportation.
- c. All personnel providing self-directed personal care services shall:
  - (1) Be at least 16 years of age; and
  - (2) Be able to communicate successfully with the consumer.
- d. The provider of self-directed personal care services shall:
  - (1) Prepare timecards or invoices approved by the department that identify what services were provided and the time when services were provided.
  - (2) Submit invoices and timecards to the financial management service within 30 days from the date when the service was provided.

**77.30(16) *Individual-directed goods and services.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase individual-directed goods and services from an individual or business that meets the following requirements.

- a. A business providing individual-directed goods and services shall:
  - (1) Have all the necessary licenses and permits to operate in conformity with federal, state, and local laws and regulations; and
  - (2) Have current liability and workers' compensation coverage.
- b. An individual providing individual-directed goods and services shall have all the necessary licenses required by federal, state, and local laws, including a valid driver's license if providing transportation.
- c. All personnel providing individual-directed goods and services shall:
  - (1) Be at least 18 years of age; and
  - (2) Be able to communicate successfully with the consumer.

- d.* The provider of individual-directed goods and services shall:
- (1) Prepare timecards or invoices approved by the department that identify what services were provided and the time when services were provided.
  - (2) Submit invoices and timecards to the financial management service within 30 days from the date when the service was provided.

**77.30(17) Self-directed community supports and employment.** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase self-directed community supports and employment from an individual or business that meets the following requirements.

- a.* A business providing community supports and employment shall:
- (1) Have all the necessary licenses and permits to operate in conformity with federal, state, and local laws and regulations; and
  - (2) Have current liability and workers' compensation coverage.
- b.* An individual providing self-directed community supports and employment shall have all the necessary licenses required by federal, state, and local laws, including a valid driver's license if providing transportation.
- c.* All personnel providing self-directed community supports and employment shall:
- (1) Be at least 18 years of age; and
  - (2) Be able to communicate successfully with the consumer.
- d.* The provider of self-directed community supports and employment shall:
- (1) Prepare timecards or invoices approved by the department that identify what services were provided and the time when services were provided.
  - (2) Submit invoices and timecards to the financial management service within 30 days from the date when the service was provided.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.31(249A) Nurse anesthetists.** Rescinded IAB 10/15/03, effective 12/1/03.

**441—77.32(249A) Hospice providers.** Hospice providers are eligible to participate in the Medicaid program providing they are certified to participate in the Medicare program.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.33(249A) HCBS elderly waiver service providers.** HCBS elderly waiver services shall be rendered by a person who is at least 16 years old (except as otherwise provided in this rule) and is not the spouse of the consumer served or the parent or stepparent of a consumer aged 17 or under. People who are 16 or 17 years old must be employed and supervised by an enrolled HCBS provider unless they are employed to provide self-directed personal care services through the consumer choices option. A person hired for self-directed personal care services need not be supervised by an enrolled HCBS provider. A person hired through the consumer choices option for independent support brokerage, self-directed personal care, individual-directed goods and services, or self-directed community support and employment is not required to enroll as a Medicaid provider. The following providers shall be eligible to participate in the Medicaid HCBS elderly waiver program if they meet the standards set forth below:

**77.33(1) Adult day care providers.** Adult day care providers shall be agencies that are certified by the department of inspections and appeals as being in compliance with the standards for adult day services programs adopted by the department of elder affairs at 321—Chapter 24.

**77.33(2) Emergency response system providers.** Emergency response system providers must meet the following standards:

- a.* The agency shall provide an electronic component to transmit a coded signal via digital equipment over telephone lines to a central monitoring station. The central monitoring station must operate receiving equipment and be fully staffed by trained attendants, 24 hours a day, seven days per week. The attendants must process emergency calls and ensure the timely notification of appropriate emergency resources to be dispatched to the person in need.

*b.* The agency, parent agency, institution or corporation shall have the necessary legal authority to operate in conformity with federal, state and local laws and regulations.

*c.* There shall be a governing authority which is responsible for establishing policy and ensuring effective control of services and finances. The governing authority shall employ or contract for an agency administrator to whom authority and responsibility for overall agency administration are delegated.

*d.* The agency or institution shall be in compliance with all legislation relating to prohibition of discriminatory practices.

*e.* There shall be written policies and procedures established to explain how the service operates, agency responsibilities, client responsibilities and cost information.

**77.33(3)** *Home health aide providers.* Home health aide providers shall be agencies certified to participate in the Medicare program as home health agencies.

**77.33(4)** *Homemaker providers.* Homemaker providers shall be agencies which meet the home care standards and requirements set forth in department of public health rules 641—80.5(135), 641—80.6(135), and 641—80.7(135) or which are certified as a home health agency under Medicare.

**77.33(5)** *Nursing care.* Nursing care providers shall be agencies which are certified to participate in the Medicare program as home health agencies.

**77.33(6)** *Respite care providers.*

*a.* The following agencies may provide respite services:

- (1) Home health agencies that are certified to participate in the Medicare program.
- (2) Nursing facilities and hospitals enrolled as providers in the Iowa Medicaid program.
- (3) Camps certified by the American Camping Association.
- (4) Respite providers certified under the HCBS MR waiver.
- (5) Home care agencies that meet the conditions of participation set forth in subrule 77.33(4).
- (6) Adult day care providers that meet the conditions set forth in subrule 77.33(1).
- (7) Assisted living programs certified by the department of inspections and appeals.

*b.* Respite providers shall meet the following conditions:

- (1) Providers shall maintain the following information that shall be updated at least annually:
  1. The consumer's name, birth date, age, and address and the telephone number of the spouse, guardian or primary caregiver.
  2. An emergency medical care release.
  3. Emergency contact telephone numbers such as the number of the consumer's physician and the spouse, guardian, or primary caregiver.
  4. The consumer's medical issues, including allergies.
  5. The consumer's daily schedule which includes the consumer's preferences in activities or foods or any other special concerns.
- (2) Procedures shall be developed for the dispensing, storage, authorization, and recording of all prescription and nonprescription medications administered. Home health agencies must follow Medicare regulations for medication dispensing.

All medications shall be stored in their original containers, with the accompanying physician's or pharmacist's directions and label intact. Medications shall be stored so they are inaccessible to consumers and the public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the consumer's name.

In the case of medications that are administered on an ongoing, long-term basis, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of the prescription.

(3) Policies shall be developed for:

1. Notifying the spouse, guardian, or primary caregiver of any injuries or illnesses that occur during respite provision. A spouse's, guardian's or primary caregiver's signature is required to verify receipt of notification.
2. Requiring the spouse, guardian or primary caregiver to notify the respite provider of any injuries or illnesses that occurred prior to respite provision.
3. Documenting activities and times of respite. This documentation shall be made available to the spouse, guardian or primary caregiver upon request.

4. Ensuring the safety and privacy of the individual. Policies shall at a minimum address threat of fire, tornado, or flood and bomb threats.

c. A facility providing respite under this subrule shall not exceed the facility's licensed capacity, and services shall be provided in locations consistent with licensure.

d. Respite provided outside the consumer's home or the facility covered by the licensure, certification, accreditation, or contract must be approved by the spouse, guardian or primary caregiver and the interdisciplinary team and must be consistent with the way the location is used by the general public. Respite in these locations shall not exceed 72 continuous hours.

**77.33(7) *Chore providers.*** The following providers may provide chore services:

a. Area agencies on aging as designated in 321—4.4(231). Chore providers subcontracting with area agencies on aging or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating the organization is qualified to provide chore services may also provide chore services.

b. Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.

c. Home health aide providers meeting the standards set forth in subrule 77.33(3). Home health aide providers contracting with the department of public health shall be considered to have met these standards.

d. Nursing facilities licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135C.

e. Providers certified under the HCBS MR waiver.

**77.33(8) *Home-delivered meals.*** The following providers may provide home-delivered meals:

a. Area agencies on aging as designated in 321—4.4(231). Home-delivered meals providers subcontracting with area agencies on aging or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating the organization is qualified to provide home-delivered meals services may also provide home-delivered meals services.

b. Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.

c. Nursing facilities licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135C.

d. Restaurants licensed and inspected under Iowa Code chapter 137B.

e. Hospitals enrolled as Medicaid providers.

f. Home health aide providers meeting the standards set forth in subrule 77.33(3).

g. Medical equipment and supply dealers certified to participate in the Medicaid program.

h. Home care providers meeting the standards set forth in subrule 77.33(4).

**77.33(9) *Home and vehicle modification providers.*** The following providers may provide home and vehicle modification:

a. Area agencies on aging as designated in 321—4.4(231).

b. Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.

c. Providers eligible to participate as home and vehicle modification providers under the ill and handicapped waiver, enrolled as home and vehicle modification providers under the physical disability waiver, or certified as home and vehicle modification providers under the mental retardation or brain injury waiver.

d. Community businesses that have all necessary licenses and permits to operate in conformity with federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and that submit verification of current liability and workers' compensation coverage.

**77.33(10) *Mental health outreach providers.*** Community mental health centers or other mental health providers accredited by the mental health and developmental disabilities commission pursuant to 441—Chapter 24 may provide mental health outreach services.

**77.33(11) *Transportation providers.*** The following providers may provide transportation:

a. Area agencies on aging as designated in 321—4.4(231). Transportation providers subcontracting with area agencies on aging or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating the organization is qualified to provide transportation services may also provide transportation services.

b. Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.

c. Regional transit agencies as recognized by the Iowa department of transportation.

d. Rescinded IAB 3/10/99, effective 5/1/99.



*e.* Nursing facilities licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135C.

**77.33(12) Nutritional counseling.** The following providers may provide nutritional counseling by a licensed dietitian:

- a.* Hospitals enrolled as Medicaid providers.
- b.* Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.
- c.* Nursing facilities licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135C.
- d.* Home health agencies certified by Medicare.
- e.* Licensed dietitians approved by an area agency on aging.

**77.33(13) Assistive devices providers.** The following providers may provide assistive devices:

*a.* Medicaid-eligible medical equipment and supply dealers.  
*b.* Area agencies on aging as designated according to department of elder affairs rules 321—4.3(249D) and 321—4.4(249D).

*c.* Assistive devices providers with a contract with an area agency on aging or with a letter of approval from an area agency on aging stating the organization is qualified to provide assistive devices.

**77.33(14) Senior companions.** Senior companion programs designated by the Corporation for National and Community Service may provide senior companion service.

**77.33(15) Consumer-directed attendant care service providers.** The following providers may provide consumer-directed attendant care service:

*a.* An individual who contracts with the consumer to provide attendant care service and who is:  
(1) At least 18 years of age.  
(2) Qualified by training or experience to carry out the consumer's plan of care pursuant to the department-approved case plan or individual comprehensive plan.  
(3) Not the spouse of the consumer.  
(4) Not the recipient of respite services paid through home- and community-based services on the behalf of a consumer who receives home- and community-based services.

*b.* Home care providers that have a contract with the department of public health or have written certification from the department of public health stating they meet the home care standards and requirements set forth in department of public health rules 641—80.5(135), 641—80.6(135), and 641—80.7(135).

*c.* Home health agencies which are certified to participate in the Medicare program.

*d.* Chore providers subcontracting with area agencies on aging or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating that the organization is qualified to provide chore services.

*e.* Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.

*f.* Providers certified under an HCBS waiver for supported community living.

*g.* Assisted living programs that are voluntarily accredited or certified by the department of elder affairs.

*h.* Adult day service providers which meet the conditions of participation for adult day care providers as specified at 441—subrule 77.30(3), 77.33(1), 77.34(7), or 77.39(20) and which have provided a point-in-time letter of notification from the department of elder affairs or an area agency on aging stating the adult day service provider also meets the requirements of department of elder affairs rules in 321—Chapter 25.

**77.33(16) Financial management service.** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option shall work with a financial institution that meets the qualifications in subrule 77.30(13).

**77.33(17) Independent support brokerage.** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option shall work with an independent support broker who meets the qualifications in subrule 77.30(14).

**77.33(18) Self-directed personal care.** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase self-directed personal care services from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(15).

**77.33(19) Individual-directed goods and services.** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase individual-directed goods and services from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(16).

**77.33(20) Self-directed community supports and employment.** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase self-directed community supports and employment from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(17).

**77.33(21) Case management providers.** A case management provider organization is eligible to participate in the Medicaid HCBS elderly waiver program if the organization meets the following standards:

- a.* The case management provider organization shall be an agency or individual that:
- (1) Is accredited by the mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury commission as meeting the standards for case management services in 441—Chapter 24; or
  - (2) Is accredited through the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) to provide case management; or
  - (3) Is accredited through the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) to provide case management; or
  - (4) Is accredited through the Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for People with Disabilities (The Council) to provide case management; or
  - (5) Is approved by the department of elder affairs as meeting the standards for case management services in 321—Chapter 21; or
  - (6) Is approved by the department of public health as meeting the standards for case management services in 641—Chapter 80.

*b.* A case management provider shall not provide direct services to the consumer. The department and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services deem the provision of direct services to case management consumers to be a conflict of interest. A person cannot be the first-line supervisor of both case managers and direct service staff who are providing services to elderly waiver consumers. The provider must have written conflict of interest policies that include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Specific procedures to identify conflicts of interest.
- (2) Procedures to eliminate any conflict of interest that is identified.
- (3) Procedures for handling complaints of conflict of interest, including written documentation.

*c.* If the case management provider organization subcontracts case management services to another entity:

- (1) That entity must also meet the provider qualifications in this subrule; and
- (2) The contractor is responsible for verification of compliance.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.34(249A) HCBS AIDS/HIV waiver service providers.** HCBS AIDS/HIV waiver services shall be rendered by a person who is at least 16 years old (except as otherwise provided in this rule) and is not the spouse of the consumer served or the parent or stepparent of a consumer aged 17 or under. People who are 16 or 17 years old must be employed and supervised by an enrolled HCBS provider unless they are employed to provide self-directed personal care services through the consumer choices option. A person hired for self-directed personal care services need not be supervised by an enrolled HCBS provider. A person hired through the consumer choices option for independent support brokerage, self-directed personal care, individual-directed goods and services, or self-directed community support and employment is not required to enroll as a Medicaid provider. The following providers shall be eligible to participate in the Medicaid HCBS AIDS/HIV waiver program if they meet the standards set forth below:

**77.34(1) Counseling providers.** Counseling providers shall be:

*a.* Agencies which are certified under the community mental health center standards established by the mental health and developmental disabilities commission, set forth in 441—Chapter 24, Divisions I and III.

*b.* Agencies which are licensed as meeting the hospice standards and requirements set forth in department of inspections and appeals rules 481—Chapter 53 or which are certified to meet the standards under the Medicare program for hospice programs.

c. Agencies which are accredited under the mental health service provider standards established by the mental health and developmental disabilities commission, set forth in 441—Chapter 24, Divisions I and IV.

**77.34(2) Home health aide providers.** Home health aide providers shall be agencies which are certified to participate in the Medicare program.

**77.34(3) Homemaker providers.** Homemaker providers shall be agencies which meet the home care standards and requirements set forth in department of public health rules 641—80.5(135), 641—80.6(135) and 641—80.7(135), or which are certified as a home health agency under Medicare.

**77.34(4) Nursing care providers.** Nursing care providers shall be agencies which are certified to meet the standards under the Medicare program for home health agencies.

**77.34(5) Respite care providers.**

a. The following agencies may provide respite services:

- (1) Home health agencies that are certified to participate in the Medicare program.
- (2) Nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, or hospitals enrolled as providers in the Iowa Medicaid program.
- (3) Respite providers certified under the HCBS MR or BI waiver.
- (4) Group living foster care facilities for children licensed by the department according to 441—Chapters 112 and 114 to 116 and child care centers licensed according to 441—Chapter 109.
- (5) Camps certified by the American Camping Association.
- (6) Home care agencies that meet the conditions of participation set forth in subrule 77.34(3).
- (7) Adult day care providers that meet the conditions of participation set forth in subrule 77.34(7).
- (8) Child care facilities, which are defined as child care centers, preschools, or child development homes registered pursuant to 441—Chapter 110.

(9) Assisted living programs certified by the department of inspections and appeals.

b. Respite providers shall meet the following conditions:

- (1) Providers shall maintain the following information that shall be updated at least annually:
  1. The consumer's name, birth date, age, and address and the telephone number of each parent, guardian or primary caregiver.
  2. An emergency medical care release.
  3. Emergency contact telephone numbers such as the number of the consumer's physician and the parents, guardian, or primary caregiver.
  4. The consumer's medical issues, including allergies.
  5. The consumer's daily schedule which includes the consumer's preferences in activities or foods or any other special concerns.
- (2) Procedures shall be developed for the dispensing, storage, authorization, and recording of all prescription and nonprescription medications administered. Home health agencies must follow Medicare regulations for medication dispensing.

All medications shall be stored in their original containers, with the accompanying physician's or pharmacist's directions and label intact. Medications shall be stored so they are inaccessible to consumers and the public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the consumer's name.

In the case of medications that are administered on an ongoing, long-term basis, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of the prescription.

(3) Policies shall be developed for:

1. Notifying the parent, guardian or primary caregiver of any injuries or illnesses that occur during respite provision. A parent's, guardian's or primary caregiver's signature is required to verify receipt of notification.
2. Requiring the parent, guardian, or primary caregiver to notify the respite provider of any injuries or illnesses that occurred prior to respite provision.
3. Documenting activities and times of respite. This documentation shall be made available to the parent, guardian or primary caregiver upon request.
4. Ensuring the safety and privacy of the individual. Policies shall at a minimum address threat of fire, tornado, or flood and bomb threats.

c. A facility providing respite under this subrule shall not exceed the facility's licensed capacity, and services shall be provided in locations consistent with licensure.

d. Respite provided outside the consumer's home or the facility covered by the licensure, certification, accreditation, or contract must be approved by the parent, guardian or primary caregiver and the interdisciplinary team and must be consistent with the way the location is used by the general public. Respite in these locations shall not exceed 72 continuous hours.

**77.34(6) Home-delivered meals.** The following providers may provide home-delivered meals:

- a. Home health aide providers meeting the standards set forth in subrule 77.34(2).
- b. Home care providers meeting the standards set forth in subrule 77.34(3).
- c. Hospitals enrolled as Medicaid providers.
- d. Nursing facilities licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135C.
- e. Restaurants licensed and inspected under Iowa Code chapter 137B.
- f. Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93. Home-delivered meals providers subcontracting with community action agencies or with letters of approval from the community action agencies stating the organization is qualified to provide home-delivered meals services may also provide home-delivered meals services.

g. Area agencies on aging as designated in 321—4.4(231). Home-delivered meals providers subcontracting with area agencies on aging or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating the organization is qualified to provide home-delivered meals services may also provide home-delivered meals services.

h. Medical equipment and supply dealers certified to participate in the Medicaid program.

**77.34(7) Adult day care providers.** Adult day care providers shall be agencies that are certified by the department of inspections and appeals as being in compliance with the standards for adult day services programs adopted by the department of elder affairs at 321—Chapter 24.

**77.34(8) Consumer-directed attendant care service providers.** The following providers may provide consumer-directed attendant care service:

- a. An individual who contracts with the consumer to provide attendant care service and who is:
  - (1) At least 18 years of age.
  - (2) Qualified by training or experience to carry out the consumer's plan of care pursuant to the department-approved case plan or individual comprehensive plan.
  - (3) Not the spouse of the consumer or a parent or stepparent of a consumer aged 17 or under.
  - (4) Not the recipient of respite services paid through home- and community-based services on the behalf of a consumer who receives home- and community-based services.

b. Home care providers that have a contract with the department of public health or have written certification from the department of public health stating they meet the home care standards and requirements set forth in department of public health rules 641—80.5(135), 641—80.6(135), and 641—80.7(135).

- c. Home health agencies which are certified to participate in the Medicare program.
- d. Chore providers subcontracting with area agencies on aging or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating that the organization is qualified to provide chore services.
- e. Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.
- f. Providers certified under an HCBS waiver for supported community living.
- g. Assisted living programs that are voluntarily accredited or certified by the department of elder affairs.

h. Adult day service providers which meet the conditions of participation for adult day care providers as specified at 441—subrule 77.30(3), 77.33(1), 77.34(7), or 77.39(20) and which have provided a point-in-time letter of notification from the department of elder affairs or an area agency on aging stating the adult day service provider also meets the requirements of department of elder affairs rules in 321—Chapter 25.

**77.34(9) Financial management service.** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option shall work with a financial institution that meets the qualifications in subrule 77.30(13).

**77.34(10) *Independent support brokerage.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option shall work with an independent support broker who meets the qualifications in subrule 77.30(14).

**77.34(11) *Self-directed personal care.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase self-directed personal care services from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(15).

**77.34(12) *Individual-directed goods and services.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase individual-directed goods and services from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(16).

**77.34(13) *Self-directed community supports and employment.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase self-directed community supports and employment from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(17).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.35(249A) Federally qualified health centers.** Federally qualified health centers are eligible to participate in the Medicaid program when the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has notified the Medicaid program of their eligibility as allowed by Section 6404(b) of Public Law 101-239.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.36(249A) Advanced registered nurse practitioners.** Advanced registered nurse practitioners are eligible to participate in the Medicaid program if they are duly licensed and registered by the state of Iowa as advanced registered nurse practitioners certified pursuant to board of nursing rules 655—Chapter 7.

**77.36(1)** Advanced registered nurse practitioners in another state shall be eligible to participate if they are duly licensed and registered in that state as advanced registered nurse practitioners with certification in a practice area consistent with board of nursing rules 655—Chapter 7.

**77.36(2)** Advanced registered nurse practitioners who have been certified eligible to participate in Medicare shall be considered as having met these guidelines.

**77.36(3)** Licensed nurse anesthetists who have graduated from a nurse anesthesia program meeting the standards set forth by a national association of nurse anesthetists within the past 18 months and who are awaiting initial certification by a national association of nurse anesthetists approved by the board of nursing shall be considered as having met these guidelines.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.37(249A) HCBS MR waiver service providers.** Providers shall be eligible to participate in the Medicaid HCBS mental retardation waiver program if they meet the requirements in this rule and the subrules applicable to the individual service.

The standards in subrule 77.37(1) apply only to providers of supported employment, respite providers certified according to subparagraph 77.37(15)“a”(8), and providers of supported community living services that are not residential-based. The standards and certification processes in subrules 77.37(2) through 77.37(12) apply only to supported employment providers and non-residential-based supported community living providers.

The requirements in subrule 77.37(13) apply to all providers. EXCEPTION: A person hired through the consumer choices option for independent support brokerage, self-directed personal care, individual-directed goods and services, or self-directed community support and employment is not required to enroll as a Medicaid provider and is not subject to the review requirements in subrule 77.37(13). Also, services must be rendered by a person who is at least 16 years old (except as otherwise provided in this rule) and is not the spouse of the consumer served or the parent or stepparent of a consumer aged 17 or under. People who are 16 or 17 years old must be employed and supervised by an enrolled HCBS provider unless they are employed to provide self-directed personal care services through the consumer choices option. A person hired for self-directed personal care services need not be supervised by an enrolled HCBS provider. Consumer-directed attendant care and interim medical monitoring and treatment providers must be at least 18 years of age.

**77.37(1) Organizational standards (Outcome 1).** Organizational outcome-based standards for HCBS MR providers are as follows:

*a.* The organization demonstrates the provision and oversight of high-quality supports and services to consumers.

*b.* The organization demonstrates a defined mission commensurate with consumer's needs, desires, and abilities.

*c.* The organization establishes and maintains fiscal accountability.

*d.* The organization has qualified staff commensurate with the needs of the consumers they serve. These staff demonstrate competency in performing duties and in all interactions with clients.

*e.* The organization provides needed training and supports to its staff. This training includes at a minimum:

(1) Consumer rights.

(2) Confidentiality.

(3) Provision of consumer medication.

(4) Identification and reporting of child and dependent adult abuse.

(5) Individual consumer support needs.

*f.* The organization has a systematic, organizationwide, planned approach to designing, measuring, evaluating, and improving the level of its performance. The organization:

(1) Measures and assesses organizational activities and services annually.

(2) Gathers information from consumers, family members, and staff.

(3) Conducts an internal review of consumer service records, including all major and minor incident reports according to subrule 77.37(8).

(4) Tracks incident data and analyzes trends annually to assess the health and safety of consumers served by the organization.

(5) Identifies areas in need of improvement.

(6) Develops a plan to address the areas in need of improvement.

(7) Implements the plan and documents the results.

*g.* Consumers and their legal representatives have the right to appeal the provider's implementation of the 20 outcomes, or staff or contractual person's action which affects the consumer. The provider shall distribute the policies for consumer appeals and procedures to consumers.

*h.* The provider shall have written policies and procedures and a staff training program for the identification and reporting of child and dependent adult abuse to the department pursuant to 441—Chapters 175 and 176.

*i.* The governing body has an active role in the administration of the agency.

*j.* The governing body receives and uses input from a wide range of local community interests and consumer representation and provides oversight that ensures the provision of high-quality supports and services to consumers.

**77.37(2) Rights and dignity.** Outcome-based standards for rights and dignity are as follows:

*a.* (Outcome 2) Consumers are valued.

*b.* (Outcome 3) Consumers live in positive environments.

*c.* (Outcome 4) Consumers work in positive environments.

*d.* (Outcome 5) Consumers exercise their rights and responsibilities.

*e.* (Outcome 6) Consumers have privacy.

*f.* (Outcome 7) When there is a need, consumers have support to exercise and safeguard their rights.

*g.* (Outcome 8) Consumers decide which personal information is shared and with whom.

*h.* (Outcome 9) Consumers make informed choices about where they work.

*i.* (Outcome 10) Consumers make informed choices on how they spend their free time.

*j.* (Outcome 11) Consumers make informed choices about where and with whom they live.

*k.* (Outcome 12) Consumers choose their daily routine.

*l.* (Outcome 13) Consumers are a part of community life and perform varied social roles.

*m.* (Outcome 14) Consumers have a social network and varied relationships.

- n. (Outcome 15) Consumers develop and accomplish personal goals.
- o. (Outcome 16) Management of consumers' money is addressed on an individualized basis.
- p. (Outcome 17) Consumers maintain good health.
- q. (Outcome 18) The consumer's living environment is reasonably safe in the consumer's home and community.
- r. (Outcome 19) The consumer's desire for intimacy is respected and supported.
- s. (Outcome 20) Consumers have an impact on the services they receive.

**77.37(3) *Contracts with consumers.*** The provider shall have written procedures which provide for the establishment of an agreement between the consumer and the provider.

a. The agreement shall define the responsibilities of the provider and the consumer, the rights of the consumer, the services to be provided to the consumer by the provider, all room and board and copay fees to be charged to the consumer and the sources of payment.

b. Contracts shall be reviewed at least annually.

**77.37(4) *The right to appeal.*** Consumers and their legal representatives have the right to appeal the provider's application of policies or procedures, or any staff or contractual person's action which affects the consumer. The provider shall distribute the policies for consumer appeals and procedures to consumers.

**77.37(5) *Storage and provision of medication.*** If the provider stores, handles, prescribes, dispenses or administers prescription or over-the-counter medications, the provider shall develop procedures for the storage, handling, prescribing, dispensing or administration of medication. For controlled substances, procedures shall be in accordance with department of inspections and appeals rule 481—63.18(135).

If the provider has a physician on staff or under contract, the physician shall review and document the provider's prescribed medication regime at least annually in accordance with current medical practice.

**77.37(6) *Research.*** If the provider conducts research involving human subjects, the provider shall have written policies and procedures for research which ensure the rights of consumers and staff.

**77.37(7) *Abuse reporting requirements.*** The provider shall have written policies and procedures and a staff training program for the identification and reporting of child and dependent adult abuse to the department pursuant to 441—Chapters 175 and 176.

**77.37(8) *Incident reporting.*** The provider shall document major and minor incidents and make the incident reports and related documentation available to the department upon request. The provider shall ensure cooperation in providing pertinent information regarding incidents as requested by the department.

a. *Major incident defined.* A "major incident" means an occurrence involving a consumer of services that:

(1) Results in a physical injury to or by the consumer that requires a physician's treatment or admission to a hospital;

(2) Results in someone's death;

(3) Requires emergency mental health treatment for the consumer;

(4) Requires the intervention of law enforcement;

(5) Requires a report of child abuse pursuant to Iowa Code section 232.69 or a report of dependent adult abuse pursuant to Iowa Code section 235B.3; or

(6) Constitutes a prescription medication error or a pattern of medication errors that could lead to the outcome in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3).

b. *Minor incident defined.* A "minor incident" means an occurrence involving a consumer of services that is not a major incident and that:

(1) Results in the application of basic first aid;

(2) Results in bruising;

(3) Results in seizure activity;

(4) Results in injury to self, to others, or to property; or

(5) Constitutes a prescription medication error.

*c. Report form.* Each major or minor incident shall be recorded on an incident report form that is completed and signed by the staff who were directly involved at the time of the incident or who first became aware of the incident. The report shall include the following information:

- (1) The name of the consumer involved.
- (2) The date and time the incident occurred.
- (3) A description of the incident.
- (4) The names of all provider staff and others who were present at the time of the incident or responded after becoming aware of the incident. The confidentiality of other consumers who are involved in the incident must be maintained by the use of initials or other means.
- (5) The action that the staff took to handle the incident.
- (6) The resolution of or follow-up to the incident.

*d. Reporting procedure for major incidents.* When a major incident occurs, provider staff shall notify the consumer or the consumer's legal guardian within 72 hours of the incident and shall distribute the completed incident report form as follows:

- (1) Forward the report to the supervisor within 24 hours of the incident.
- (2) Send a copy of the report to the consumer's Medicaid targeted case manager and the department's bureau of long-term care within 72 hours of the incident.
- (3) File a copy of the report in a centralized location and make a notation in the consumer's file.

*e. Reporting procedure for minor incidents.* When a minor incident occurs, provider staff shall distribute the completed incident report form as follows:

- (1) Forward the report to the supervisor within 24 hours of the incident.
- (2) File a copy of the report in a centralized location and make a notation in the consumer's file.

**77.37(9) Intake, admission, service coordination, discharge, and referral.**

*a.* The provider shall have written policies and procedures according to state and federal laws for intake, admission, service coordination, discharge and referral. Service coordination means activities designed to help individuals and families locate, access, and coordinate a network of supports and services that will allow them to live a full life in the community.

*b.* The provider shall ensure the rights of persons applying for services.

**77.37(10) Certification process.** Reviews of compliance with standards for initial certification and recertification shall be conducted by the department of human services' bureau of long-term care quality assurance staff. Certification carries no assurance that the approved provider will receive funding.

*a.* Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 11/1/04.

*b.* Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 11/1/04.

*c.* Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 11/1/04.

*d.* The department may request any information from the prospective service provider which is considered pertinent to arriving at a certification decision. This may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Current accreditations, evaluations, inspections and reviews by regulatory and licensing agencies and associations.
- (2) Fiscal capacity of the prospective provider to initiate and operate the specified programs on an ongoing basis.
- (3) The prospective provider's written agreement to work cooperatively with the state and central point of coordination in the counties and the state to be served by the provider.

**77.37(11) Initial certification.** The department shall review the application and accompanying information to see if the provider has the necessary framework to provide services in accordance with all applicable requirements and standards.

*a.* The department shall make a determination regarding initial certification within 60 days of receipt of the application and notify the provider in writing of the decision unless extended by mutual consent of the parties involved. Providers shall be responsible for notifying the appropriate county and the appropriate central point of coordination of the determination.

*b.* The decision of the department on initial certification of the providers shall be based on all relevant information, including:

- (1) The application for status as an approved provider according to requirements of rules.



(2) A determination of the financial position of the prospective provider in relation to its ability to meet the stated need.

(3) The prospective provider's coordination of service design, development, and application with the applicable local county central point of coordination and other interested parties.

c. Providers applying for initial certification shall be offered technical assistance.

**77.37(12) *Period of certification.*** Provider certification shall become effective on the date identified on the certificate of approval and shall terminate in 270 calendar days, one year, or three calendar years from the month of issue. The renewal of certification shall be contingent upon demonstration of continued compliance with certification requirements.

a. Initial certification. Providers eligible for initial certification by the department shall be issued an initial certification for 270 calendar days based on documentation provided.

b. Recertification. After the initial certification, the level of certification shall be based on an on-site review unless the provider has been accredited for similar services by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for People with Disabilities (The Council), or the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children (COA). The on-site reviews for supported community living and supported employment use interviews with consumers and significant people in the consumer's life to determine whether or not the 20 individual value-based outcomes set forth in subrules 77.37(1) and 77.37(2) and corresponding processes are present for the consumer. Respite services are required to meet Outcome 1 and participate in satisfaction surveys.

Once the outcomes and processes have been determined for all the consumers in the sample, a review team then determines which of the 20 outcomes and processes are present for the provider. A specific outcome is present for the provider when the specific outcome is determined to be present for 75 percent or more of the consumers interviewed. A specific process is present for the provider when the process is determined to be present for 75 percent or more of the consumers interviewed. Since the processes are in the control of the provider and the outcomes are more in the control of the consumer, length of certification will be based more heavily on whether or not the processes are in place to help consumers obtain desired outcomes.

An exit conference shall be held with the organization to share preliminary findings of the certification review. A review report shall be written and sent to the provider within 30 calendar days unless the parties mutually agree to extend that time frame.

Provider certification shall become effective on the date identified on the Certificate of Approval, Form 470-3410, and shall terminate in 270 calendar days, one year, or three calendar years from the month of issue. The renewal of certification shall be contingent upon demonstration of continued compliance with certification requirements.

c. The department may issue four categories of recertification:

(1) *Three-year certification with excellence.* An organization is eligible for certification with excellence if the number of processes present is 18 or higher and the number of outcomes and corresponding processes present together is 12 or higher. Both criteria need to be met to receive three-year certification with excellence. Corrective actions may be required which may be monitored through the assignment of follow-up monitoring either by written report, a plan of corrective actions and improvements, an on-site review, or the provision of technical assistance.

(2) *Three-year certification with follow-up monitoring.* An organization is eligible for this type of certification if the number of processes present is 17 or higher and the number of outcomes and corresponding processes present together are 11 or higher. Both criteria need to be met to receive three-year certification. Corrective actions are required which may be monitored through the assignment of follow-up monitoring either by written report, a plan of corrective actions and improvements, an on-site review, or the provision of technical assistance.

(3) *One-year certification.* An organization is eligible for this type of certification when the number of processes present is 14 or higher and the number of outcomes and processes together is 9 or higher. Both criteria need to be met to receive one-year certification. One-year certification may also be given in lieu of longer certification when previously required corrective actions have not been implemented or

completed. Corrective actions are required which may be monitored through the assignment of follow-up monitoring either by written report, a plan of corrective actions and improvements, an on-site review, or the provision of technical assistance.

(4) *Probational certification.* A probational certification may be issued to those providers who cannot meet requirements for a one-year certification. This time period shall be granted to the provider to establish and implement corrective actions and improvement activities. During this time period the department may require monitoring of the implementation of the corrective actions through on-site visits, written reports or technical assistance. Probational certification issued for 270 calendar days shall not be renewed or extended, and shall require a full on-site follow-up review to be completed. The provider shall be required to achieve at least a one-year certification status at the time of the follow-up review in order to maintain certification.

*d.* During the course of the review, if a team member encounters a situation that places a consumer in immediate jeopardy, the team member shall immediately notify the provider, the department, and other team members. "Immediate jeopardy" refers to circumstances where the life, health, or safety of a consumer will be severely jeopardized if the circumstances are not immediately corrected. The provider shall correct the situation within 24 to 48 hours. If the situation is not corrected within the prescribed time frame, that portion of the provider's services that was the subject of the notification shall not be certified. The department, the county of residence, and the central point of coordination shall be notified immediately to discontinue funding for that provider's service. If this action is appealed and the consumer, legal guardian, or attorney in fact under a durable power of attorney for health care wants to maintain the provider's services, funding can be reinstated. At that time the provider shall take appropriate action to ensure the life, health, and safety of the consumers deemed to be at risk as a result of the provider's inaction.

*e.* As a mandatory reporter, each team member shall be required to follow appropriate procedure in all cases where a condition reportable to child and adult protective services is observed.

*f.* The department may grant an extension to the period of approval for the following reasons:

(1) A delay in the department's approval decision which is beyond the control of the provider or department.

(2) A request for an extension from a provider to permit the provider to prepare and obtain department approval of corrective actions. The department shall establish the length of extensions on a case-by-case basis.

*g.* The department may revoke the provider's approval at any time for any of the following reasons:

(1) Findings of a site visit indicate that the provider has failed to implement the corrective actions submitted pursuant to paragraph 77.37(13)"e."

(2) The provider has failed to provide information requested pursuant to paragraph 77.37(13)"f."

(3) The provider refuses to allow the department to conduct a site visit pursuant to paragraph 77.37(13)"h."

(4) There are instances of noncompliance with the standards which were not identified from information submitted on the application.

*h.* An approved provider shall immediately notify the department, applicable county, the applicable mental health and developmental disabilities planning council, and other interested parties of a decision to withdraw from an HCBS MR waiver service.

*i.* Following certification, any provider may request technical assistance from the department to bring into conformity those areas found in noncompliance with HCBS requirements. If multiple deficiencies are noted during a review, the department may require that technical assistance be provided to a provider to assist in the implementation of the provider's corrective actions. Providers may be given technical assistance as needed.

*j.* Appeals. Any adverse action can be appealed by the provider under 441—Chapter 7.

**77.37(13) Review of providers.** Reviews of compliance with standards as indicated in this chapter shall be conducted by designated members of the HCBS staff.

*a.* This review may include on-site case record audits; review of administrative procedures, clinical practices, personnel records, performance improvement systems and documentation; and

interviews with staff, consumers, the board of directors, or others deemed appropriate, consistent with the confidentiality safeguards of state and federal laws.

b. A review visit shall be scheduled with the provider with additional reviews conducted at the discretion of the department.

c. The on-site review team will consist of designated members of the HCBS staff.

d. Following a certification review, the certification review team leader shall submit a copy of the department's written report of findings to the provider within 30 working days after completion of the certification review.

e. The provider shall develop a plan of corrective action, if applicable, identifying completion time frames for each review recommendation.

f. Providers required to make corrective actions and improvements shall submit the corrective action and improvement plan to the Bureau of Long-Term Care, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114, within 30 working days after the receipt of a report issued as a result of the review team's visit. The corrective actions may include: specific problem areas cited, corrective actions to be implemented by the provider, dates by which each corrective measure will be completed, and quality assurance and improvement activities to measure and ensure continued compliance.

g. The department may request the provider to supply subsequent reports on implementation of a corrective action plan submitted pursuant to 77.37(13) "e" and 77.37 (13) "f."

h. The department may conduct a site visit to verify all or part of the information submitted.

**77.37(14) Supported community living providers.**

a. The department will contract only with public or private agencies to provide the supported community living service. The department does not recognize individuals as service providers under the supported community living program.

b. Providers of services meeting the definition of foster care shall also be licensed according to applicable 441—Chapters 108, 112, 114, 115, and 116.

c. Providers of service may employ or contract with individuals meeting the definition of foster family homes to provide supported community living services. These individuals shall be licensed according to applicable 441—Chapters 112 and 113.

d. All supported community living providers shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The provider shall demonstrate how the provider will meet the outcomes and processes in rule 441—77.37(249A) for each of the consumers being served. The provider shall supply timelines showing how the provider will come into compliance with rules 441—77.37(249A), 441—78.41(249A), and 441—83.60(249A) to 441—83.70(249A) and 441—subrule 79.1(15) within one year of certification. These timelines shall include:

1. Implementation of necessary staff training and consumer input.

2. Implementation of provider system changes to allow for flexibility in staff duties, services based on what each individual needs, and removal of housing as part of the service.

(2) The provider shall demonstrate that systems are in place to measure outcomes and processes for individual consumers before certification can be given.

e. Living units designed to serve more than three supported community living consumers shall be approved as follows:

(1) The department shall approve living units designed to serve four consumers if the geographic location of the program does not result in an overconcentration of such programs in the area.

(2) The department may approve conversion of a total of 40 living units for five persons or fewer formerly licensed as residential care facilities for persons with mental retardation to living units designed to serve supported community living consumers. Upon approval, the living unit shall surrender the facility license and continue to operate under the medical assistance home- and community-based services waiver for persons with mental retardation.

Approvals of living units for five persons or fewer formerly licensed as residential care facilities for persons with mental retardation granted before July 1, 2002, shall remain in effect.

Applications for approval to be granted under this subparagraph after July 1, 2003, shall be submitted to the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Long-Term Care, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Fifth Floor,

Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. The application shall include a letter of support from the county in which the living unit is located. The letter shall verify that the county will request sufficient waiver slots for the consumers to be served and provide necessary county funding.

The bureau of long-term care shall approve the application based on the letter of support from the county and the requirement to maintain the geographical distribution of supported community living programs to avoid an overconcentration of programs in an area.

(3) Subject to federal approval, a residential program which serves not more than eight individuals and is licensed as an intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation may surrender the facility license and continue to operate under the home- and community-based services waiver for persons with mental retardation if the department has approved the timelines submitted by the residential program pursuant to subparagraph 77.37(14) "d"(1).

(4) The department shall approve a living unit for five persons subject to all of the following conditions:

1. Approval will not result in an overconcentration of such living units in an area.
2. The county in which the living unit is located submits a letter of support for approval to the bureau of long-term care.
3. The county in which the living unit is located provides to the bureau of long-term care verification in writing that the approval is needed to address one or more of the following:
  - The quantity of services currently available in the county is insufficient to meet the need.
  - The quantity of affordable rental housing in the county is insufficient.
  - Approval will result in a reduction in the size or quantity of larger congregate settings.

**77.37(15) Respite care providers.**

a. The following agencies may provide respite services:

- (1) Group living foster care facilities for children licensed by the department according to 441—Chapters 112 and 114 to 116 and child care centers licensed according to 441—Chapter 109.
- (2) Nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, and hospitals enrolled as providers in the Iowa Medicaid program.
- (3) Residential care facilities for persons with mental retardation licensed by the department of inspections and appeals.
- (4) Home health agencies that are certified to participate in the Medicare program.
- (5) Camps certified by the American Camping Association.
- (6) Adult day care providers that meet the conditions of participation set forth in subrule 77.37(25).
- (7) Home care agencies that meet the home care standards and requirements set forth in department of public health rules 641—80.5(135) through 641—80.7(135).
- (8) Agencies certified by the department to provide respite services in the consumer's home that meet the requirements of 77.37(1) and 77.37(3) through 77.37(9).
- (9) Child care facilities, which are defined as child care centers, preschools, or child development homes registered pursuant to 441—Chapter 110.
- (10) Assisted living programs certified by the department of inspections and appeals.

b. Respite providers shall meet the following conditions:

- (1) Providers shall maintain the following information that shall be updated at least annually:
  1. The consumer's name, birth date, age, and address and the telephone number of each parent, guardian or primary caregiver.
  2. An emergency medical care release.
  3. Emergency contact telephone numbers such as the number of the consumer's physician and the parents, guardian, or primary caregiver.
  4. The consumer's medical issues, including allergies.
  5. The consumer's daily schedule which includes the consumer's preferences in activities or foods or any other special concerns.
- (2) Procedures shall be developed for the dispensing, storage, authorization, and recording of all prescription and nonprescription medications administered. Home health agencies must follow Medicare regulations for medication dispensing.

All medications shall be stored in their original containers, with the accompanying physician's or pharmacist's directions and label intact. Medications shall be stored so they are inaccessible to consumers and the public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the consumer's name.

In the case of medications that are administered on an ongoing, long-term basis, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of the prescription.

(3) Policies shall be developed for:

1. Notifying the parent, guardian or primary caregiver of any injuries or illnesses that occur during respite provision. A parent's, guardian's or primary caregiver's signature is required to verify receipt of notification.

2. Requiring the parent, guardian or primary caregiver to notify the respite provider of any injuries or illnesses that occurred prior to respite provision.

3. Documenting activities and times of respite. This documentation shall be made available to the parent, guardian or primary caregiver upon request.

4. Ensuring the safety and privacy of the individual. Policies shall at a minimum address threat of fire, tornado, or flood and bomb threats.

c. A facility providing respite under this subrule shall not exceed the facility's licensed capacity, and services shall be provided in locations consistent with licensure.

d. Respite provided outside the consumer's home or the facility covered by the licensure, certification, accreditation, or contract must be approved by the parent, guardian or primary caregiver and the interdisciplinary team and must be consistent with the way the location is used by the general public. Respite in these locations shall not exceed 72 continuous hours.

**77.37(16) Supported employment providers.**

a. Providers responsible for the payroll of consumers shall have policies that include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Consumer vacation, sick leave and holiday compensation.
- (2) Procedures for payment schedules and pay scale.
- (3) Procedures for provision of workers' compensation insurance.
- (4) Procedures for the determination and review of commensurate wages.
- (5) Department of labor requirements.

b. The department will contract only with public or private agencies to provide supported employment services. The department does not recognize individuals as service providers under the supported employment program.

**77.37(17) Home and vehicle modification providers.** The following providers may provide home and vehicle modification:

a. Providers certified to participate as supported community living service providers under the mental retardation or brain injury waiver.

b. Providers eligible to participate as home and vehicle modification providers under the elderly or ill and handicapped waiver, enrolled as home and vehicle modification providers under the physical disability waiver, or certified as home and vehicle modification providers under the brain injury waiver.

c. Community businesses that have all necessary licenses and permits to operate in conformity with federal, state, and local laws and regulations and that submit verification of current liability and workers' compensation insurance.

**77.37(18) Personal emergency response system providers.** Personal emergency response system providers shall be agencies which meet the conditions of participation set forth in subrule 77.33(2) to maintain certification.

**77.37(19) Nursing providers.** Nursing providers shall be agencies that are certified to participate in the Medicare program as home health agencies.

**77.37(20) Home health aide providers.** Home health aide providers shall be agencies which are certified to participate in the Medicare program as home health agencies and which have an HCBS agreement with the department.

**77.37(21) Consumer-directed attendant care service providers.** The following providers may provide consumer-directed attendant care service:

- a. An individual who contracts with the consumer to provide attendant care service and who is:
  - (1) At least 18 years of age.
  - (2) Qualified by training or experience to carry out the consumer's plan of care pursuant to the department-approved case plan or individual comprehensive plan.
  - (3) Not the spouse of the consumer or a parent or stepparent of a consumer aged 17 or under.
  - (4) Not the recipient of respite services paid through home- and community-based services on the behalf of a consumer who receives home- and community-based services.
- b. Home care providers that have a contract with the department of public health or have written certification from the department of public health stating they meet the home care standards and requirements set forth in department of public health rules 641—80.5(135), 641—80.6(135), and 641—80.7(135).
- c. Home health agencies which are certified to participate in the Medicare program.
- d. Chore providers subcontracting with area agencies on aging or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating that the organization is qualified to provide chore services.
- e. Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.
- f. Providers certified under an HCBS waiver for supported community living.
- g. Assisted living programs that are voluntarily accredited or certified by the department of elder affairs.
- h. Adult day service providers which meet the conditions of participation for adult day care providers as specified at 441—subrule 77.30(3), 77.33(1), 77.34(7), or 77.39(20) and which have provided a point-in-time letter of notification from the department of elder affairs or an area agency on aging stating the adult day service provider also meets the requirements of department of elder affairs rules in 321—Chapter 25.

**77.37(22) Interim medical monitoring and treatment providers.**

- a. The following providers may provide interim medical monitoring and treatment services:
  - (1) Child care facilities, which are defined as child care centers, preschools, or child development homes registered pursuant to 441—Chapter 110.
  - (2) Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 11/1/04.
  - (3) Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 11/1/04.
  - (4) Home health agencies certified to participate in the Medicare program.
  - (5) Supported community living providers certified according to subrule 77.37(14) or 77.39(13).
- b. Staff requirements. Staff members providing interim medical monitoring and treatment services to consumers shall meet all of the following requirements:
  - (1) Be at least 18 years of age.
  - (2) Not be the spouse of the consumer or a parent or stepparent of the consumer if the consumer is aged 17 or under.
  - (3) Not be a usual caregiver of the consumer.
  - (4) Be qualified by training or experience, as determined by the usual caregivers and a licensed medical professional on the consumer's interdisciplinary team and documented in the service plan, to provide medical intervention or intervention in a medical emergency necessary to carry out the consumer's plan of care.
- c. Service documentation. Providers shall maintain clinical and fiscal records necessary to fully disclose the extent of services furnished to consumers. Records shall specify by service date the procedures performed, together with information concerning progress of treatment.

**77.37(23) Residential-based supported community living service providers.**

- a. The department shall contract only with public or private agencies to provide residential-based supported community living services.
- b. Subject to the requirements of this rule, the following agencies may provide residential-based supported community living services:
  - (1) Agencies licensed as group living foster care facilities under 441—Chapter 114.
  - (2) Agencies licensed as residential facilities for mentally retarded children under 441—Chapter

(3) Other agencies providing residential-based supported community living services that meet the following conditions:

1. The agency must provide orientation training on the agency's purpose, policies, and procedures within one month of hire or contracting for all employed and contracted treatment staff and must provide 24 hours of training during the first year of employment or contracting. The agency must also provide at least 12 hours of training per year after the first year of employment for all employed and contracted treatment staff. Annual training shall include, at a minimum, training on children's mental retardation and developmental disabilities services and children's mental health issues. Identification and reporting of child abuse shall be covered in training at least every five years, in accordance with Iowa Code section 232.69.

2. The agency must have standards for the rights and dignity of children that are age-appropriate. These standards shall include the following:

- Children, their families, and their legal representatives decide what personal information is shared and with whom.

- Children are a part of family and community life and perform varied social roles.
- Children have family connections, a social network, and varied relationships.
- Children develop and accomplish personal goals.
- Children are valued.
- Children live in positive environments.
- Children exercise their rights and responsibilities.
- Children make informed choices about how they spend their free time.
- Children choose their daily routine.

3. The agency must use methods of self-evaluation by which:

- Past performance is reviewed.
- Current functioning is evaluated.
- Plans are made for the future based on the review and evaluation.

4. The agency must have a governing body that receives and uses input from a wide range of local community interests and consumer representatives and provides oversight that ensures the provision of high-quality supports and services to children.

5. Children, their parents, and their legal representatives must have the right to appeal the service provider's application of policies or procedures or any staff person's action that affects the consumer. The service provider shall distribute the policies for consumer appeals and procedures to children, their parents, and their legal representatives.

*c.* As a condition of participation, all providers of residential-based supported community living services must have the following on file:

(1) Current accreditations, evaluations, inspections, and reviews by applicable regulatory and licensing agencies and associations.

(2) Documentation of the fiscal capacity of the provider to initiate and operate the specified programs on an ongoing basis.

(3) The provider's written agreement to work cooperatively with the department.

*d.* As a condition of participation, all providers of residential-based supported community living services must develop, review, and revise service plans for each child, as follows:

(1) The service plan shall be developed in collaboration with the social worker or case manager, child, family, and, if applicable, the foster parents, unless a treatment rationale for the lack of involvement of one of these parties is documented in the plan. The service provider shall document the dates and content of the collaboration on the service plan. The service provider shall provide a copy of the service plan to the family and the case manager, unless otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) Initial service plans shall be developed after services have been authorized and within 30 calendar days of initiating services.

(3) The service plan shall identify the following:

1. Strengths and needs of the child.
2. Goals to be achieved to meet the needs of the child.

3. Objectives for each goal that are specific, measurable, and time-limited and include indicators of progress toward each goal.

4. Specific service activities to be provided to achieve the objectives.

5. The persons responsible for providing the services. When daily living and social skills development is provided in a group care setting, designation may be by job title.

6. Date of service initiation and date of individual service plan development.

7. Service goals describing how the child will be reunited with the child's family and community.

(4) Individuals qualified to provide all services identified in the service plan shall review the services identified in the service plan to ensure that the services are necessary, appropriate, and consistent with the identified needs of the child, as listed on Form 470-3273, Mental Retardation Functional Assessment Tool.

(5) The service worker or case manager shall review all service plans to determine progress toward goals and objectives 90 calendar days from the initiation of services and every 90 calendar days thereafter for the duration of the services.

At a minimum, the provider shall submit written reports to the service worker or case manager at six-month intervals and when changes to the service plan are needed.

(6) The individual service plan shall be revised when any of the following occur:

1. Service goals or objectives have been achieved.

2. Progress toward goals and objectives is not being made.

3. Changes have occurred in the identified service needs of the child, as listed on Form 470-3273, Mental Retardation Functional Assessment Tool.

4. The service plan is not consistent with the identified service needs of the child, as listed in the service plan.

(7) The service plan shall be signed and dated by qualified staff of each reviewing provider after each review and revision.

(8) Any revisions of the service plan shall be made in collaboration with the child, family, case manager, and, if applicable, the foster parents and shall reflect the needs of the child. The service provider shall provide a copy of the revised service plan to the family and case manager, unless otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

*e.* The residential-based supportive community living service provider shall also furnish residential-based living units for all recipients of the residential-based supported community living services. Except as provided herein, living units provided may be of no more than four beds. Service providers who receive approval from the bureau of long-term care may provide living units of up to eight beds. The bureau shall approve five- to eight-bed living units only if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) Rescinded IAB 8/7/02, effective 10/1/02.

(2) There is a need for the service to be provided in a five- to eight-person living unit instead of a smaller living unit, considering the location of the programs in an area.

(3) The provider supplies the bureau of long-term care with a written plan acceptable to the department that addresses how the provider will reduce its living units to four-bed units within a two-year period of time. This written plan shall include the following:

1. How the transition will occur.

2. What physical change will need to take place in the living units.

3. How children and their families will be involved in the transitioning process.

4. How this transition will affect children's social and educational environment.

*f.* Certification process and review of service providers.

(1) The certification process for providers of residential-based supported community living services shall be pursuant to subrule 77.37(10).

(2) The initial certification of residential-based supported community living services shall be pursuant to subrule 77.37(11).

(3) Period and conditions of certification.



1. Initial certification. Providers eligible for initial certification by the department shall be issued an initial certification for 270 calendar days, effective on the date identified on the certificate of approval, based on documentation provided.

2. Recertification. After the initial certification, recertification shall be based on an on-site review and shall be contingent upon demonstration of compliance with certification requirements. An exit conference shall be held with the provider to share preliminary findings of the recertification review. A review report shall be written and sent to the provider within 30 calendar days unless the parties mutually agree to extend that time frame.

Recertification shall become effective on the date identified on the Certificate of Approval, Form 470-3410, and shall terminate one year from the month of issuance.

Corrective actions may be required in connection with recertification and may be monitored through the assignment of follow-up monitoring either by written report, a plan of corrective actions and improvements, an on-site review, or the provision of technical assistance.

3. Probational certification. Probational certification for 270 calendar days may be issued to a provider who cannot demonstrate compliance with all certification requirements on recertification review to give the provider time to establish and implement corrective actions and improvement activities.

During the probational certification period, the department may require monitoring of the implementation of the corrective actions through on-site visits, written reports, or technical assistance.

Probational certification shall not be renewed or extended and shall require a full on-site follow-up review to be completed. The provider must demonstrate compliance with all certification requirements at the time of the follow-up review in order to maintain certification.

4. Immediate jeopardy. If, during the course of any review, a review team member encounters a situation that places a consumer in immediate jeopardy, the team member shall immediately notify the provider, the department, and other team members. "Immediate jeopardy" refers to circumstances where the life, health, or safety of a consumer will be severely jeopardized if the circumstances are not immediately corrected.

The provider shall correct the situation within 24 to 48 hours. If the situation is not corrected within the prescribed time frame, the provider shall not be certified. The department, the county of residence, and the central point of coordination shall be notified immediately to discontinue funding for that provider's service. If this action is appealed and the consumer or legal guardian wants to maintain the provider's services, funding can be reinstated. At that time the provider shall take appropriate action to ensure the life, health, and safety of the consumers deemed to be at risk.

5. Abuse reporting. As a mandatory reporter, each review team member shall follow appropriate procedure in all cases where a condition reportable to child and adult protective services is observed.

6. Extensions. The department shall establish the length of extensions on a case-by-case basis. The department may grant an extension to the period of certification for the following reasons:

- A delay in the department's approval decision exists which is beyond the control of the provider or department.
- A request for an extension is received from a provider to permit the provider to prepare and obtain department approval of corrective actions.

7. Revocation. The department may revoke the provider's approval at any time for any of the following reasons:

- The findings of a site visit indicate that the provider has failed to implement the corrective actions submitted pursuant to paragraph 77.37(13) "e" and numbered paragraph 77.37(23) "f"(3) "4."
- The provider has failed to provide information requested pursuant to paragraph 77.37(13) "f" and numbered paragraph 77.37(23) "f"(3) "4."
- The provider refuses to allow the department to conduct a site visit pursuant to paragraph 77.37(13) "h" and subparagraph 77.37(23) "f"(3).
- There are instances of noncompliance with the standards that were not identified from information submitted on the application.

8. Notice of intent to withdraw. An approved provider shall immediately notify the department, applicable county, the applicable mental health and developmental disabilities planning council, and

other interested parties of a decision to withdraw as a provider of residential-based supported community living services.

9. Technical assistance. Following certification, any provider may request technical assistance from the department regarding compliance with program requirements. The department may require that technical assistance be provided to a provider to assist in the implementation of any corrective action plan.

10. Appeals. The provider can appeal any adverse action under 441—Chapter 7.

(4) Providers of residential-based supported community living services shall be subject to reviews of compliance with program requirements pursuant to subrule 77.37(13).

**77.37(24) *Transportation service providers.*** The following providers may provide transportation:

- a. Accredited providers of home- and community-based services.
- b. Regional transit agencies as recognized by the Iowa department of transportation.
- c. Transportation providers that contract with county governments.
- d. Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.
- e. Nursing facilities licensed under Iowa Code chapter 135C.
- f. Area agencies on aging as designated in rule 321—4.4(231), subcontractors of area agencies on aging, or organizations with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating that the organization is qualified to provide transportation services.

**77.37(25) *Adult day care providers.*** Adult day care providers shall be agencies that are certified by the department of inspections and appeals as being in compliance with the standards for adult day services programs adopted by the department of elder affairs at 321—Chapter 24.

**77.37(26) *Prevocational services providers.*** Providers of prevocational services must be accredited by one of the following:

- a. The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities as a work adjustment service provider or an organizational employment service provider.
- b. The Council on Quality and Leadership.

**77.37(27) *Day habilitation providers.*** Day habilitation services may be provided by:

- a. Agencies accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities to provide services that qualify as day habilitation under 441—subrule 78.41(14).
- b. Agencies accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities to provide other services that began providing services that qualify as day habilitation under 441—subrule 78.41(14) since their last accreditation survey. The agency may provide day habilitation services until the current accreditation expires. When the current accreditation expires, the agency must qualify under paragraph “a” or “d.”
- c. Agencies not accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities that have applied to the Commission within the last 12 months for accreditation to provide services that qualify as day habilitation under 441—subrule 78.41(14). An agency that has not received accreditation within 12 months after application to the Commission is no longer a qualified provider.
- d. Agencies accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership.
- e. Agencies that have applied to the Council on Quality and Leadership for accreditation within the last 12 months. An agency that has not received accreditation within 12 months after application to the Council is no longer a qualified provider.

**77.37(28) *Financial management service.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option shall work with a financial institution that meets the qualifications in subrule 77.30(13).

**77.37(29) *Independent support brokerage.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option shall work with an independent support broker who meets the qualifications in subrule 77.30(14).

**77.37(30) *Self-directed personal care.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase self-directed personal care services from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(15).

**77.37(31) *Individual-directed goods and services.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase individual-directed goods and services from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(16).

**77.37(32) *Self-directed community supports and employment.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase self-directed community supports and employment from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(17).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.38(249A) Rehabilitative treatment service providers.** Rescinded IAB 8/1/07, effective 9/5/07.

**441—77.39(249A) HCBS brain injury waiver service providers.** Providers shall be eligible to participate in the Medicaid brain injury waiver program if they meet the requirements in this rule and the subrules applicable to the individual service. Providers and each of their staff members involved in direct consumer service must have training regarding or experience with consumers who have a brain injury, with the exception of providers of home and vehicle modification, specialized medical equipment, transportation, personal emergency response, financial management, independent support brokerage, self-directed personal care, individual-directed goods and services, and self-directed community supports and employment.

Services shall be rendered by a person who is at least 16 years old (except as otherwise provided in this rule) and is not the spouse of the consumer served or the parent or stepparent of a consumer aged 17 or under. People who are 16 or 17 years old must be employed and supervised by an enrolled HCBS provider unless they are employed to provide self-directed personal care services through the consumer choices option. A person hired for self-directed personal care services need not be supervised by an enrolled HCBS provider. A person hired through the consumer choices option for independent support brokerage, self-directed personal care, individual-directed goods and services, or self-directed community support and employment is not required to enroll as a Medicaid provider and is not subject to review under subrule 77.39(11). Consumer-directed attendant care and interim medical monitoring and treatment providers must be at least 18 years of age.

In addition, behavioral programming, supported community living, and supported employment providers shall meet the outcome-based standards set forth below in subrules 77.39(1) and 77.39(2) evaluated according to subrules 77.39(8) to 77.39(10), and the requirements of subrules 77.39(3) to 77.39(7). Respite providers shall also meet the standards in subrule 77.39(1).

**77.39(1) *Organizational standards (Outcome 1).*** Organizational outcome-based standards for HCBS BI providers are as follows:

*a.* The organization demonstrates the provision and oversight of high-quality supports and services to consumers.

*b.* The organization demonstrates a defined mission commensurate with consumers' needs, desires, and abilities.

*c.* The organization establishes and maintains fiscal accountability.

*d.* The organization has qualified staff commensurate with the needs of the consumers they serve.

These staff demonstrate competency in performing duties and in all interactions with clients.

*e.* The organization provides needed training and supports to its staff. This training includes at a minimum:

(1) Consumer rights.

(2) Confidentiality.

(3) Provision of consumer medication.

(4) Identification and reporting of child and dependent adult abuse.

(5) Individual consumer support needs.

*f.* The organization has a systematic, organizationwide, planned approach to designing, measuring, evaluating, and improving the level of its performance. The organization:

(1) Measures and assesses organizational activities and services annually.

(2) Gathers information from consumers, family members, and staff.

(3) Conducts an internal review of consumer service records, including all major and minor incident reports according to subrule 77.37(8).

(4) Tracks incident data and analyzes trends annually to assess the health and safety of consumers served by the organization.

(5) Identifies areas in need of improvement.

(6) Develops a plan to address the areas in need of improvement.

(7) Implements the plan and documents the results.

g. Consumers and their legal representatives have the right to appeal the provider's implementation of the 20 outcomes, or staff or contractual person's action which affects the consumer. The provider shall distribute the policies for consumer appeals and procedures to consumers.

h. The provider shall have written policies and procedures and a staff training program for the identification and reporting of child and dependent adult abuse to the department pursuant to 441—Chapters 175 and 176.

i. The governing body has an active role in the administration of the agency.

j. The governing body receives and uses input from a wide range of local community interests and consumer representation and provides oversight that ensures the provision of high-quality supports and services to consumers.

**77.39(2) Rights and dignity.** Outcome-based standards for rights and dignity are as follows:

a. (Outcome 2) Consumers are valued.

b. (Outcome 3) Consumers live in positive environments.

c. (Outcome 4) Consumers work in positive environments.

d. (Outcome 5) Consumers exercise their rights and responsibilities.

e. (Outcome 6) Consumers have privacy.

f. (Outcome 7) When there is a need, consumers have support to exercise and safeguard their rights.

g. (Outcome 8) Consumers decide which personal information is shared and with whom.

h. (Outcome 9) Consumers make informed choices about where they work.

i. (Outcome 10) Consumers make informed choices on how they spend their free time.

j. (Outcome 11) Consumers make informed choices about where and with whom they live.

k. (Outcome 12) Consumers choose their daily routine.

l. (Outcome 13) Consumers are a part of community life and perform varied social roles.

m. (Outcome 14) Consumers have a social network and varied relationships.

n. (Outcome 15) Consumers develop and accomplish personal goals.

o. (Outcome 16) Management of consumers' money is addressed on an individualized basis.

p. (Outcome 17) Consumers maintain good health.

q. (Outcome 18) The consumer's living environment is reasonably safe in the consumer's home and community.

r. (Outcome 19) The consumer's desire for intimacy is respected and supported.

s. (Outcome 20) Consumers have an impact on the services they receive.

**77.39(3) The right to appeal.** Consumers and their legal representatives have the right to appeal the provider's application of policies or procedures, or any staff or contractual person's action which affects the consumer. The provider shall distribute the policies for consumer appeals and procedures to consumers.

**77.39(4) Storage and provision of medication.** If the provider stores, handles, prescribes, dispenses or administers prescription or over-the-counter medications, the provider shall develop procedures for the storage, handling, prescribing, dispensing or administration of medication. For controlled substances, procedures shall be in accordance with department of inspections and appeals rule 481—63.18(135).

**77.39(5) Research.** If the provider conducts research involving consumers, the provider shall have written policies and procedures addressing the research. These policies and procedures shall ensure that consumers' rights are protected.

**77.39(6) Reporting requirements.**

a. *Abuse reporting.* The provider shall have written policies and procedures and a staff training program for the identification and reporting of child and dependent adult abuse to the department pursuant to 441—Chapters 175 and 176.

*b. Incident reporting.* The provider shall document major and minor incidents and make the incident reports and related documentation available to the department upon request. The provider shall ensure cooperation in providing pertinent information regarding incidents as requested by the department.

(1) Major incident defined. A “major incident” means an occurrence involving a consumer of services that:

1. Results in a physical injury to or by the consumer that requires a physician’s treatment or admission to a hospital;
2. Results in someone’s death;
3. Requires emergency mental health treatment for the consumer;
4. Requires the intervention of law enforcement;
5. Requires a report of child abuse pursuant to Iowa Code section 232.69 or a report of dependent adult abuse pursuant to Iowa Code section 235B.3; or
6. Constitutes a prescription medication error or a pattern of medication errors that could lead to the outcome in numbered paragraph “1,” “2,” or “3.”

(2) Minor incident defined. A “minor incident” means an occurrence involving a consumer of services that is not a major incident and that:

1. Results in the application of basic first aid;
2. Results in bruising;
3. Results in seizure activity;
4. Results in injury to self, to others, or to property; or
5. Constitutes a prescription medication error.

(3) Report form. Each major or minor incident shall be recorded on an incident report form that is completed and signed by the staff who were directly involved at the time of the incident or who first became aware of the incident. The report shall include the following information:

1. The name of the consumer involved.
2. The date and time the incident occurred.
3. A description of the incident.
4. The names of all provider staff and others who were present at the time of the incident or responded after becoming aware of the incident. The confidentiality of other consumers who are involved in the incident must be maintained by the use of initials or other means.
5. The action that the staff took to handle the incident.
6. The resolution of or follow-up to the incident.

(4) Reporting procedure for major incidents. When a major incident occurs, provider staff shall notify the consumer or the consumer’s legal guardian within 72 hours of the incident and shall distribute the completed incident report form as follows:

1. Forward the report to the supervisor within 24 hours of the incident.
2. Send a copy of the report to the consumer’s Medicaid targeted case manager and the department’s bureau of long-term care within 72 hours of the incident.
3. File a copy of the report in a centralized location and make a notation in the consumer’s file.

(5) Reporting procedure for minor incidents. When a minor incident occurs, provider staff shall distribute the completed incident report form as follows:

1. Forward the report to the supervisor within 24 hours of the incident.
2. File a copy of the report in a centralized location and make a notation in the consumer’s file.

**77.39(7) Intake, admission, service coordination, discharge, and referral.**

*a.* The provider shall have written policies and procedures according to state and federal laws for intake, admission, service coordination, discharge and referral.

*b.* The provider shall ensure the rights of persons applying for services.

**77.39(8) Certification process.** Reviews of compliance with standards for initial certification and recertification shall be conducted by the department of human services’ bureau of long-term care quality assurance staff. Certification carries no assurance that the approved provider will receive funding.

*a.* Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 11/1/04.

- b. Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 11/1/04.
- c. Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 11/1/04.
- d. The department may request any information from the prospective service provider which is considered pertinent to arriving at a certification decision. This may include, but is not limited to:
  - (1) Current accreditations, evaluations, inspections and reviews by regulatory and licensing agencies and associations.
  - (2) Fiscal capacity of the prospective provider to initiate and operate the specified programs on an ongoing basis.
  - (3) The prospective provider's written agreement to work cooperatively with the state and central point of coordination in the counties and the state to be served by the provider.

**77.39(9) *Initial certification.*** The department shall review the application and accompanying information to see if the provider has the necessary framework to provide services in accordance with all applicable requirements and standards.

a. The department shall make a determination regarding initial certification within 60 days of receipt of the application and notify the provider in writing of the decision unless extended by mutual consent of the parties involved. Providers shall be responsible for notifying the appropriate county and the appropriate central point of coordination of the determination.

b. The decision of the department on initial certification of the providers shall be based on all relevant information, including:

- (1) The application for status as an approved provider according to requirements of rules.
- (2) A determination of the financial position of the prospective provider in relation to its ability to meet the stated need.
- (3) The prospective provider's coordination of service design, development, and application with the applicable local county central point of coordination and other interested parties.

c. Providers applying for initial certification shall be offered technical assistance.

**77.39(10) *Period of certification.*** Provider certification shall become effective on the date identified on the certificate of approval and shall terminate in 270 calendar days, one year, or three calendar years from the month of issue. The renewal of certification shall be contingent upon demonstration of continued compliance with certification requirements.

a. Initial certification. Providers eligible for initial certification by the department shall be issued an initial certification for 270 calendar days based on documentation provided.

b. Recertification. After the initial certification, the level of certification shall be based on an on-site review unless the provider has been accredited for similar services by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for People with Disabilities (The Council), or the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children (COA). The on-site reviews for supported community living and supported employment use interviews with consumers and significant people in the consumer's life to determine whether or not the 20 individual value-based outcomes set forth in subrules 77.39(1) and 77.39(2) and corresponding processes are present for the consumer. Respite services are required to meet Outcome 1 and participate in satisfaction surveys.

Once the outcomes and processes have been determined for all the consumers in the sample, a review team then determines which of the 20 outcomes and processes are present for the provider. A specific outcome is present for the provider when the specific outcome is determined to be present for 75 percent or more of the consumers interviewed. A specific process is present for the provider when the process is determined to be present for 75 percent or more of the consumers interviewed. Since the processes are in the control of the provider and the outcomes are more in the control of the consumer, length of certification will be based more heavily on whether or not the processes are in place to help consumers obtain desired outcomes.

An exit conference shall be held with the organization to share preliminary findings of the certification review. A review report shall be written and sent to the provider within 30 calendar days unless the parties mutually agree to extend that time frame.

Provider certification shall become effective on the date identified on the Certificate of Approval, Form 470-3410, and shall terminate in 270 calendar days, one year, or three calendar years from the month of issue. The renewal of certification shall be contingent upon demonstration of continued compliance with certification requirements.

c. The department may issue four categories of recertification:

(1) *Three-year certification with excellence.* An organization is eligible for certification with excellence if the number of processes present is 18 or higher and the number of outcomes and corresponding processes present together is 12 or higher. Both criteria need to be met to receive three-year certification with excellence. Corrective actions may be required which may be monitored through the assignment of follow-up monitoring either by written report, a plan of corrective actions and improvements, an on-site review, or the provision of technical assistance.

(2) *Three-year certification with follow-up monitoring.* An organization is eligible for this type of certification if the number of processes present is 17 or higher and the number of outcomes and corresponding processes present together is 11 or higher. Both criteria need to be met to receive three-year certification. Corrective actions are required which may be monitored through the assignment of follow-up monitoring either by written report, a plan of corrective actions and improvements, an on-site review, or the provision of technical assistance.

(3) *One-year certification.* An organization is eligible for this type of certification when the number of processes present is 14 or higher and the number of outcomes and processes present together is 9 or higher. Both criteria need to be met to receive one-year certification. One-year certification may also be given in lieu of longer certification when previously required corrective actions have not been implemented or completed. Corrective actions are required which may be monitored through the assignment of follow-up monitoring either by written report, a plan of corrective actions and improvements, an on-site review, or the provision of technical assistance.

(4) *Probational certification.* A probational certification may be issued to those providers who cannot meet requirements for a one-year certification. This time period shall be granted to the provider to establish and implement corrective actions and improvement activities. During this time period the department may require monitoring of the implementation of the corrective actions through on-site visits, written reports or technical assistance. Probational certification issued for 270 calendar days shall not be renewed or extended and shall require a full on-site follow-up review to be completed. The provider shall be required to achieve at least a one-year certification status at the time of the follow-up review in order to maintain certification.

d. During the course of the review, if a team member encounters a situation that places a consumer in immediate jeopardy, the team member shall immediately notify the provider, the department, and other team members. "Immediate jeopardy" refers to circumstances where the life, health, or safety of a consumer will be severely jeopardized if the circumstances are not immediately corrected. The provider shall correct the situation within 24 to 48 hours. If the situation is not corrected within the prescribed time frame, that portion of the provider's services that was the subject of the notification shall not be certified. The department, the county of residence, and the central point of coordination shall be notified immediately to discontinue funding for that provider's service. If this action is appealed and the consumer, legal guardian, or attorney in fact under a durable power of attorney for health care wants to maintain the provider's services, funding can be reinstated. At that time the provider shall take appropriate action to ensure the life, health, and safety of the consumers deemed to be at risk as a result of the provider's inaction.

e. As a mandatory reporter, each team member shall be required to follow appropriate procedure in all cases where a condition reportable to child and adult protective services is observed.

f. The department may grant an extension to the period of approval for the following reasons:

(1) A delay in the department's approval decision which is beyond the control of the provider or department.

(2) A request for an extension from a provider to permit the provider to prepare and obtain department approval of corrective actions. The department shall establish the length of extensions on a case-by-case basis.

g. The department may revoke the provider's approval at any time for any of the following reasons:  
(1) Findings of a site visit indicate that the provider has failed to implement the corrective actions submitted pursuant to paragraph 77.39(11) "d."

(2) The provider has failed to provide information requested pursuant to paragraph 77.39(11) "e."

(3) The provider refuses to allow the department to conduct a site visit pursuant to paragraph 77.39(11) "f."

(4) There are instances of noncompliance with the standards which were not identified from information submitted on the application.

h. An approved provider shall immediately notify the department, applicable county, the applicable mental health and developmental disabilities planning council, and other interested parties of a decision to withdraw from an HCBS BI waiver service.

i. Following certification, any provider may request technical assistance from the department to bring into conformity those areas found in noncompliance with HCBS requirements. If multiple deficiencies are noted during a review, the department may require that technical assistance be provided to a provider to assist in the implementation of the provider's corrective actions. Providers may be given technical assistance as needed.

j. Appeals. Any adverse action can be appealed by the provider under 441—Chapter 7.

**77.39(11) Departmental reviews.** Reviews of compliance with standards as indicated in this chapter shall be conducted by the division of mental health and developmental disabilities quality assurance review staff. This review may include on-site case record audits, administrative procedures, clinical practices, and interviews with staff, consumers, and board of directors consistent with the confidentiality safeguards of state and federal laws.

a. Reviews shall be conducted annually with additional reviews conducted at the discretion of the department.

b. Following a departmental review, the department shall submit a copy of the department's determined survey report to the service provider, noting service deficiencies and strengths.

c. The service provider shall develop a plan of corrective action identifying completion time frames for each survey deficiency.

d. The corrective action plan shall be submitted to the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, 5th Floor, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114, and include a statement dated and signed, if applicable, by the chief administrative officer and president or chairperson of the governing body that all information submitted to the department is accurate and complete.

e. The department may request the provider to supply subsequent reports on implementation of a corrective action plan submitted pursuant to paragraphs 77.39(11) "c" and "d."

f. The department may conduct a site visit to verify all or part of the information submitted.

**77.39(12) Case management service providers.** Case management provider organizations are eligible to participate in the Medicaid HCBS brain injury waiver program provided that they meet the standards in 441—Chapter 24 and they are the department of human services, a county or consortium of counties, or a provider under subcontract to the department or a county or consortium of counties.

**77.39(13) Supported community living providers.**

a. The department shall certify only public or private agencies to provide the supported community living service. The department does not recognize individuals as service providers under the supported community living program.

b. Providers of services meeting the definition of foster care shall also be licensed according to applicable 441—Chapters 108, 112, 114, 115, and 116, which deal with foster care licensing.

c. Providers of service may employ or contract with individuals meeting the definition of foster family homes to provide supported community living services. These individuals shall be licensed according to applicable 441—Chapters 112 and 113, which deal with foster care licensing.

d. The department shall approve living units designed to serve four consumers if the geographic location of the program does not result in an overconcentration of programs in an area.

(1) and (2) Rescinded IAB 8/7/02, effective 10/1/02.



<sup>1</sup>e. Living units designed to serve more than three supported community living consumers shall be approved as follows:

(1) The department shall approve living units designed to serve four consumers if the geographic location of the program does not result in an overconcentration of such programs in the area.

(2) The department may approve living units designed to serve more than four supported community living consumers under an exception to policy pursuant to rule 441—1.8(17A,217), subject to the following additional requirements:

1. The provider shall provide verification from the department of inspections and appeals that the program is not required to be licensed as a health care facility under Iowa Code chapter 135C.

2. The provider shall provide justification of the need for the service to be provided in a larger living unit instead of a living unit for four persons or less.

3. The geographic location of the program shall not result in an overconcentration of supported community living programs in the area.

**77.39(14) Respite service providers.** Respite providers are eligible to be providers of respite service in the HCBS brain injury waiver if they have documented training or experience with persons with a brain injury.

a. The following agencies may provide respite services:

(1) Respite providers certified under the HCBS mental retardation waiver.

(2) Adult day care providers that meet the conditions of participation set forth in subrule 77.39(20).

(3) Group living foster care facilities for children licensed by the department according to 441—Chapters 112 and 114 to 116 and child care centers licensed according to 441—Chapter 109.

(4) Camps certified by the American Camping Association.

(5) Home care agencies that meet the conditions of participation set forth in subrule 77.30(1).

(6) Nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, and hospitals enrolled as providers in the Iowa Medicaid program.

(7) Residential care facilities for persons with mental retardation licensed by the department of inspections and appeals.

(8) Home health agencies that are certified to participate in the Medicare program.

(9) Agencies certified by the department to provide respite services in the consumer's home that meet the requirements of subrules 77.39(1) and 77.39(3) through 77.39(7).

(10) Child care facilities, which are defined as child care centers, preschools, or child development homes registered pursuant to 441—Chapter 110.

(11) Assisted living programs certified by the department of inspections and appeals.

b. Respite providers shall meet the following conditions:

(1) Providers shall maintain the following information that shall be updated at least annually:

1. The consumer's name, birth date, age, and address and the telephone number of each parent, guardian or primary caregiver.

2. An emergency medical care release.

3. Emergency contact telephone numbers such as the number of the consumer's physician and the parents, guardian, or primary caregiver.

4. The consumer's medical issues, including allergies.

5. The consumer's daily schedule which includes the consumer's preferences in activities or foods or any other special concerns.

(2) Procedures shall be developed for the dispensing, storage, authorization, and recording of all prescription and nonprescription medications administered. Home health agencies must follow Medicare regulations for medication dispensing.

All medications shall be stored in their original containers, with the accompanying physician's or pharmacist's directions and label intact. Medications shall be stored so they are inaccessible to consumers and the public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the consumer's name.

In the case of medications that are administered on an ongoing, long-term basis, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of the prescription.

(3) Policies shall be developed for:

1. Notifying the parent, guardian or primary caregiver of any injuries or illnesses that occur during respite provision. A parent's, guardian's or primary caregiver's signature is required to verify receipt of notification.

2. Requiring the parent, guardian or primary caregiver to notify the respite provider of any injuries or illnesses that occurred prior to respite provision.

3. Documenting activities and times of respite. This documentation shall be made available to the parent, guardian or primary caregiver upon request.

4. Ensuring the safety and privacy of the individual. Policies shall at a minimum address threat of fire, tornado, or flood and bomb threats.

c. A facility providing respite under this subrule shall not exceed the facility's licensed capacity, and services shall be provided in locations consistent with licensure.

d. Respite provided outside the consumer's home or the facility covered by the licensure, certification, accreditation, or contract must be approved by the parent, guardian or primary caregiver and the interdisciplinary team and must be consistent with the way the location is used by the general public. Respite in these locations shall not exceed 72 continuous hours.

**77.39(15) Supported employment providers.**

a. Providers responsible for the payroll of consumers shall have policies that include, but are not limited to:

(1) Consumer vacation, sick leave and holiday compensation.

(2) Procedures for payment schedules and pay scale.

(3) Procedures for provision of workers' compensation insurance.

(4) Procedures for the determination and review of commensurate wages.

(5) Both state and federal department of labor requirements.

b. The department shall certify only public or private agencies to provide supported employment services. The department does not recognize individuals as service providers under the supported employment program.

**77.39(16) Home and vehicle modification providers.** The following providers may provide home and vehicle modification:

a. Providers eligible to participate as home and vehicle modification providers under the elderly or ill and handicapped waiver, enrolled as home and vehicle modification providers under the physical disability waiver, or certified as home and vehicle modification providers under the physical disability waiver.

b. Community businesses that have all necessary licenses and permits to operate in conformity with federal, state, and local laws and regulations and that submit verification of current liability and workers' compensation insurance.

**77.39(17) Personal emergency response system providers.** Personal emergency response system providers shall be agencies which meet the conditions of participation set forth in subrule 77.33(2).

a. Providers shall be certified annually.

b. The service provider shall submit documentation to the department supporting continued compliance with the requirements set forth in subrule 77.33(2) 90 days before the expiration of the current certification.

**77.39(18) Transportation service providers.** This service is not to be provided at the same time as supported community service, which includes transportation. The following providers may provide transportation:

a. Area agencies on aging as designated in rule 321—4.4(231) or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating the organization is qualified to provide transportation services.

b. Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.

c. Regional transit agencies as recognized by the Iowa department of transportation.

d. Providers with purchase of service contracts to provide transportation pursuant to 441—Chapter 150.

e. Nursing facilities licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135C.

**77.39(19) Specialized medical equipment providers.** The following providers may provide specialized medical equipment:

- a. Medical equipment and supply dealers participating as providers in the Medicaid program.
- b. Retail and wholesale businesses participating as providers in the Medicaid program which provide specialized medical equipment as defined in 441—subrule 78.43(8).

**77.39(20) Adult day care providers.** Adult day care providers shall be agencies that are certified by the department of inspections and appeals as being in compliance with the standards for adult day services programs adopted by the department of elder affairs at 321—Chapter 24.

**77.39(21) Family counseling and training providers.** Family counseling and training providers shall be one of the following:

- a. Providers certified under the community mental health center standards established by the mental health and developmental disabilities commission, set forth in 441—Chapter 24, Divisions I and III, and that employ staff to provide family counseling and training who meet the definition of qualified brain injury professional as set forth in rule 441—83.81(249A).

- b. Providers licensed as meeting the hospice standards and requirements set forth in department of inspections and appeals rules in 481—Chapter 53 or certified to meet the standards under the Medicare program for hospice programs, and that employ staff who meet the definition of qualified brain injury professional as set forth in rule 441—83.81(249A).

- c. Providers accredited under the mental health service provider standards established by the mental health and developmental and disabilities commission, set forth in 441—Chapter 24, Divisions I and IV, and that employ staff to provide family counseling and training who meet the definition of qualified brain injury professional as set forth in rule 441—83.81(249A).

- d. Individuals who meet the definition of qualified brain injury professional as set forth in rule 441—83.81(249A).

- e. Agencies certified as brain injury waiver providers pursuant to rule 441—77.39(249A) that employ staff to provide family counseling who meet the definition of a qualified brain injury professional as set forth in rule 441—83.81(249A).

**77.39(22) Prevocational services providers.** Providers of prevocational services must meet the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities standards for work adjustment service providers.

**77.39(23) Behavioral programming providers.** Behavioral programming providers shall be required to have experience with or training regarding the special needs of persons with a brain injury. In addition, they must meet the following requirements.

- a. Behavior assessment, and development of an appropriate intervention plan, and periodic reassessment of the plan, and training of staff who shall implement the plan must be done by a qualified brain injury professional as defined in rule 441—83.81(249A). Formal assessment of the consumers' intellectual and behavioral functioning must be done by a licensed psychologist or a psychiatrist who is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry.

- b. Implementation of the plan and training and supervision of caregivers, including family members, must be done by behavioral aides who have been trained by a qualified brain injury professional as defined in rule 441—83.81(249A) and who are employees of one of the following:

- (1) Agencies which are certified under the community mental health center standards established by the mental health and developmental disabilities commission, set forth in 441—Chapter 24, Divisions I and III.

- (2) Agencies which are licensed as meeting the hospice standards and requirements set forth in department of inspections and appeals rules 481—Chapter 53 or which are certified to meet the standards under the Medicare program for hospice programs.

- (3) Agencies which are accredited under the mental health service provider standards established by the mental health and disabilities commission, set forth in 441—Chapter 24, Divisions I and IV.

- (4) Home health aide providers meeting the standards set forth in subrule 77.33(3). Home health aide providers certified by Medicare shall be considered to have met these standards.

- (5) Brain injury waiver providers certified pursuant to rule 441—77.39(249A).

**77.39(24) Consumer-directed attendant care service providers.** The following providers may provide consumer-directed attendant care service:

- a. An individual who contracts with the consumer to provide attendant care service and who is:
  - (1) At least 18 years of age.
  - (2) Qualified by training or experience to carry out the consumer's plan of care pursuant to the department-approved case plan or individual comprehensive plan.
  - (3) Not the spouse of the consumer or a parent or stepparent of a consumer aged 17 or under.
  - (4) Not the recipient of respite services paid through home- and community-based services on the behalf of a consumer who receives home- and community-based services.
- b. Home care providers that have a contract with the department of public health or have written certification from the department of public health stating they meet the home care standards and requirements set forth in department of public health rules 641—80.5(135), 641—80.6(135), and 641—80.7(135).
- c. Home health agencies which are certified to participate in the Medicare program.
- d. Chore providers subcontracting with area agencies on aging or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating that the organization is qualified to provide chore services.
- e. Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.
- f. Providers certified under an HCBS waiver for supported community living.
- g. Assisted living programs that are voluntarily accredited or certified by the department of elder affairs.
- h. Adult day service providers that meet the conditions of participation for adult day care providers as specified at 441—subrule 77.30(3), 77.33(1), 77.34(7), or 77.39(20) and that have provided a point-in-time letter of notification from the department of elder affairs or an area agency on aging stating the adult day service provider also meets the requirements of department of elder affairs rules in 321—Chapter 25.

**77.39(25) Interim medical monitoring and treatment providers.**

- a. The following providers may provide interim medical monitoring and treatment services:
  - (1) Child care facilities, which are defined as child care centers, preschools, or child development homes registered pursuant to 441—Chapter 110.
  - (2) Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 11/1/04.
  - (3) Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 11/1/04.
  - (4) Home health agencies certified to participate in the Medicare program.
  - (5) Supported community living providers certified according to subrule 77.37(14) or 77.39(13).
- b. Staff requirements. Staff members providing interim medical monitoring and treatment services to consumers shall meet all of the following requirements:
  - (1) Be at least 18 years of age.
  - (2) Not be the spouse of the consumer or a parent or stepparent of the consumer if the consumer is aged 17 or under.
  - (3) Not be a usual caregiver of the consumer.
  - (4) Be qualified by training or experience, as determined by the usual caregivers and a licensed medical professional on the consumer's interdisciplinary team and documented in the service plan, to provide medical intervention or intervention in a medical emergency necessary to carry out the consumer's plan of care.
- c. Service documentation. Providers shall maintain clinical and fiscal records necessary to fully disclose the extent of services furnished to consumers. Records shall specify by service date the procedures performed, together with information concerning progress of treatment.

**77.39(26) Financial management service.** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option shall work with a financial institution that meets the qualifications in subrule 77.30(13).

**77.39(27) Independent support brokerage.** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option shall work with an independent support broker who meets the qualifications in subrule 77.30(14).

**77.39(28) *Self-directed personal care.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase self-directed personal care services from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(15).

**77.39(29) *Individual-directed goods and services.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase individual-directed goods and services from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(16).

**77.39(30) *Self-directed community supports and employment.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase self-directed community supports and employment from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(17).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

<sup>1</sup> Effective date of December 15, 2002, delayed 70 days by the Administrative Rules Review Committee at its meeting held December 10, 2002; at its meeting held February 21, 2003, the Committee delayed the effective date until adjournment of the 2003 Session of the General Assembly.

**441—77.40(249A) *Lead inspection agencies.*** The Iowa department of public health and agencies certified by the Iowa department of public health pursuant to 641—subrule 70.5(5) are eligible to participate in the Medicaid program as providers of lead inspection services.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.41(249A) *HCBS physical disability waiver service providers.*** Providers shall be eligible to participate in the Medicaid physical disability waiver program if they meet the requirements in this rule and the subrules applicable to the individual service. Enrolled providers shall maintain the certification listed in the applicable subrules in order to remain eligible providers.

Services shall be rendered by a person who is at least 16 years old (except as otherwise provided in this rule) and is not the spouse of the consumer served or the parent or stepparent of a consumer aged 17 or under. People who are 16 or 17 years old must be employed and supervised by an enrolled HCBS provider unless they are employed to provide self-directed personal care services through the consumer choices option. A person hired for self-directed personal care services need not be supervised by an enrolled HCBS provider. A person hired through the consumer choices option for independent support brokerage, self-directed personal care, individual-directed goods and services, or self-directed community support and employment is not required to enroll as a Medicaid provider and is not subject to the requirements of subrule 77.41(1).

**77.41(1) *Enrollment process.*** Reviews of compliance with standards for initial enrollment shall be conducted by the department's quality assurance staff. Enrollment carries no assurance that the approved provider will receive funding.

Review of a provider may occur at any time.

The department may request any information from the prospective service provider that is pertinent to arriving at an enrollment decision. This may include, but is not limited to:

*a.* Current accreditations, evaluations, inspection reports, and reviews by regulatory and licensing agencies and associations.

*b.* Fiscal capacity of the prospective provider to initiate and operate the specified programs on an ongoing basis.

*c.* The prospective provider's written agreement to work cooperatively with the state and central point of coordination in the counties to be served by the provider.

**77.41(2) *Consumer-directed attendant care providers.*** The following providers may provide consumer-directed attendant care service:

*a.* An individual who contracts with the consumer to provide consumer-directed attendant care and who is:

(1) At least 18 years of age.

(2) Qualified by training or experience to carry out the consumer's plan of care pursuant to the department-approved case plan or individual comprehensive plan.

(3) Not the spouse or guardian of the consumer.

(4) Not the recipient of respite services paid through home- and community-based services on behalf of a consumer who receives home- and community-based services.

*b.* Home care providers that have a contract with the department of public health or have written certification from the department of public health stating that they meet the home care standards and requirements set forth in department of public health rules 641—80.5(135), 641—80.6(135), and 641—80.7(135).

*c.* Home health agencies that are certified to participate in the Medicare program.

*d.* Chore providers subcontracting with area agencies on aging or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating that the organization is qualified to provide chore services.

*e.* Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.103.

*f.* Providers certified under an HCBS waiver for supported community living.

*g.* Assisted living programs that are voluntarily accredited or certified by the department of elder affairs.

*h.* Adult day service providers which meet the conditions of participation for adult day care providers as specified at 441—subrule 77.30(3), 77.33(1), 77.34(7), or 77.39(20) and which have provided a point-in-time letter of notification from the department of elder affairs or an area agency on aging stating the adult day service provider also meets the requirements of department of elder affairs rules in 321—Chapter 25.

**77.41(3) *Home and vehicle modification providers.*** The following providers may provide home and vehicle modifications:

*a.* Providers eligible to participate as home and vehicle modification providers under the elderly or ill and handicapped waiver or certified as home and vehicle modification providers under the mental retardation or brain injury waiver.

*b.* Community businesses that have all necessary licenses and permits to operate in conformity with federal, state, and local laws and regulations and that submit verification of current liability and workers' compensation insurance.

**77.41(4) *Personal emergency response system providers.*** Personal emergency response system providers shall be agencies which meet the conditions of participation set forth in subrule 77.33(2).

**77.41(5) *Specialized medical equipment providers.*** The following providers may provide specialized medical equipment:

*a.* Medical equipment and supply dealers participating as providers in the Medicaid program.

*b.* Retail and wholesale businesses participating as providers in the Medicaid program which provide specialized medical equipment as defined in 441—subrule 78.46(4).

**77.41(6) *Transportation service providers.*** The following providers may provide transportation:

*a.* Area agencies on aging as designated in 321—4.4(231) or with letters of approval from the area agencies on aging stating the organization is qualified to provide transportation services.

*b.* Community action agencies as designated in Iowa Code section 216A.93.

*c.* Regional transit agencies as recognized by the Iowa department of transportation.

*d.* Nursing facilities licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135C.

**77.41(7) *Financial management service.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option shall work with a financial institution that meets the qualifications in subrule 77.30(13).

**77.41(8) *Independent support brokerage.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option shall work with an independent support broker who meets the qualifications in subrule 77.30(14).

**77.41(9) *Self-directed personal care.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase self-directed personal care services from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(15).

**77.41(10) *Individual-directed goods and services.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase individual-directed goods and services from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(16).

**77.41(11) *Self-directed community supports and employment.*** Consumers who elect the consumer choices option may choose to purchase self-directed community supports and employment from an individual or business that meets the requirements in subrule 77.30(17).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.42(249A) Rehabilitation services to adults with chronic mental illness providers.** Rescinded IAB 8/1/07, effective 9/5/07.

**441—77.43(249A) Infant and toddler program providers.** A public agency provider in good standing under the infants and toddlers with disabilities program administered by the department of education, the department of public health, the department of human services, and the Iowa Child Health Specialty Clinics pursuant to the interagency agreement between these agencies under Subchapter III of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is eligible to participate in the medical assistance program as a provider of infant and toddler program services under rule 441—78.49(249A) if the following additional requirements are met.

**77.43(1) *Licensure.*** Covered services shall be provided by personnel who are licensed, endorsed, registered, recognized, or qualified as provided in this subrule and shall be within the scope of the applicable license, endorsement, registration, recognition, or qualification.

*a.* Personnel providing audiological or speech-language services shall be licensed by the Iowa board of speech pathology and audiology as a speech pathologist or audiologist pursuant to 645—Chapters 299, 300 and 303 through 305.

*b.* Personnel providing physical therapy shall be licensed by the Iowa board of physical and occupational therapy as a physical therapist pursuant to 645—Chapters 199 through 204.

*c.* Personnel providing occupational therapy shall be licensed by the Iowa board of physical and occupational therapy as an occupational therapist pursuant to 645—Chapters 205 through 210.

*d.* Personnel providing psychological evaluations and counseling or psychotherapy services shall be:

(1) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a school psychologist pursuant to rule 282—15.11(272);

(2) Licensed by the Iowa board of psychology as a psychologist pursuant to 645—Chapters 239 through 243;

(3) Licensed by the Iowa board of social work as a social worker pursuant to 645—Chapters 279 through 284;

(4) Licensed by the Iowa board of medicine as a physician pursuant to 653—Chapters 9 through 11; or

(5) Registered by the Iowa nursing board as an advanced registered nurse practitioner pursuant to 655—Chapter 7.

*e.* Personnel providing nursing services shall be licensed by the Iowa nursing board as a registered or licensed practical nurse pursuant to 655—Chapters 3 through 6.

*f.* Personnel providing vision services shall be:

(1) Licensed by the Iowa nursing board as a registered or licensed practical nurse pursuant to 655—Chapters 3 through 6;

(2) Licensed by the Iowa board of medicine as a physician pursuant to 653—Chapters 9 through 11; or

(3) Licensed by the Iowa board of optometry as an optometrist pursuant to 645—Chapter 180.

*g.* Developmental services shall be provided by personnel who meet standards established pursuant to department of education rule 281—120.19(34CFR303).

*h.* Medical transportation shall be provided by licensed drivers.

*i.* Other services shall be provided by staff who are:

(1) Recognized as a special education paraprofessional pursuant to department of education rule 281—41.403(256B);

- (2) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a school psychologist pursuant to rule 282—15.11(272);
- (3) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a speech-language pathologist pursuant to rule 282—15.12(272);
- (4) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as an orientation and mobility specialist pursuant to rule 282—15.15(272);
- (5) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a school occupational therapist pursuant to rule 282—15.16(272);
- (6) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a school physical therapist pursuant to rule 282—15.17(272);
- (7) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a special education nurse pursuant to rule 282—15.18(272);
- (8) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a school social worker pursuant to rule 282—15.19(272);
- (9) Licensed by the Iowa nursing board as a registered or licensed practical nurse pursuant to 655—Chapters 3 through 6; or
- (10) Licensed by the Iowa board of medicine as a physician pursuant to 653—Chapters 9 through 11.

**77.43(2) Documentation requirements.** As a condition of participation, the provider shall be responsible for maintaining accurate and current documentation of services provided in the child's record. Documentation of all services performed is required and must include:

- a. Date, time, location, and description of each service provided and identification of the individual rendering the service by name and professional or paraprofessional designation.
- b. An assessment and response to interventions and services.
- c. An individual family service plan (IFSP) including all changes and revisions, as developed by the service coordinator pursuant to rule 281—41.5(256B,34CFR300).
- d. Documentation of progress toward achieving the child's or family's action steps and outcomes as identified in the individual family service plan (IFSP).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.44(249A) Local education agency services providers.** School districts accredited by the department of education pursuant to 281—Chapter 12, the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School governed by the state board of regents pursuant to Iowa Code section 262.7(4), and the State School for the Deaf governed by the state board of regents pursuant to Iowa Code section 262.7(5) are eligible to participate in the medical assistance program as providers of local education agency (LEA) services under rule 441—78.50(249A) if the following conditions are met.

**77.44(1) Licensure.** Covered services shall be provided by personnel who are licensed, endorsed, registered, recognized, or qualified as provided in this subrule and shall be within the scope of the applicable license, endorsement, registration, recognition, or qualification.

- a. Personnel providing audiological or speech-language services shall be licensed by the Iowa board of speech pathology and audiology as a speech pathologist or audiologist pursuant to 645—Chapters 299, 300 and 303 through 305.
- b. Personnel providing physical therapy shall be licensed by the Iowa board of physical and occupational therapy as a physical therapist pursuant to 645—Chapters 199 through 204.
- c. Personnel providing occupational therapy shall be licensed by the Iowa board of physical and occupational therapy as an occupational therapist pursuant to 645—Chapters 205 through 210.
- d. Personnel providing psychological evaluations and counseling or psychotherapy services shall be:

- (1) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a school psychologist pursuant to rule 282—15.11(272);
- (2) Licensed by the Iowa board of psychology as a psychologist pursuant to 645—Chapters 239 through 243;



(3) Licensed by the Iowa board of social work as a social worker pursuant to 645—Chapters 279 through 284;

(4) Licensed by the Iowa board of medicine as a physician pursuant to 653—Chapters 9 through 11; or

(5) Registered by the Iowa nursing board as an advanced registered nurse practitioner pursuant to 655—Chapter 7.

*e.* Personnel providing nursing services shall be licensed by the Iowa nursing board as a registered or licensed practical nurse pursuant to 655—Chapters 3 through 6.

*f.* Personnel providing vision services shall be:

(1) Licensed by the Iowa nursing board as a registered or licensed practical nurse pursuant to 655—Chapters 3 through 6;

(2) Licensed by the Iowa board of medicine as a physician pursuant to 653—Chapters 9 through 11; or

(3) Licensed by the Iowa board of optometry as an optometrist pursuant to 645—Chapter 180.

*g.* Developmental services shall be provided by personnel who meet standards established pursuant to department of education rule 281—120.19(34CFR303).

*h.* Medical transportation shall be provided by licensed drivers.

*i.* Other services shall be provided by staff who are:

(1) Recognized as a special education paraprofessional pursuant to department of education rule 281—41.403(256B);

(2) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a school psychologist pursuant to rule 282—15.11(272);

(3) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a speech-language pathologist pursuant to rule 282—15.12(272);

(4) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as an orientation and mobility specialist pursuant to rule 282—15.15(272);

(5) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a school occupational therapist pursuant to rule 282—15.16(272);

(6) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a school physical therapist pursuant to rule 282—15.17(272);

(7) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a special education nurse pursuant to rule 282—15.18(272);

(8) Endorsed by the Iowa board of educational examiners as a school social worker pursuant to rule 282—15.19(272);

(9) Licensed by the Iowa nursing board as a registered or licensed practical nurse pursuant to 655—Chapters 3 through 6; or

(10) Licensed by the Iowa board of medicine as a physician pursuant to 653—Chapters 9 through 11.

**77.44(2) Documentation requirements.** As a condition of participation, the provider shall be responsible for maintaining accurate and current documentation in the child's record. Documentation of all services performed is required and must include:

*a.* Date, time, duration, location, and description of each service delivered and identification of the individual rendering the service by name and professional or paraprofessional designation.

*b.* An assessment and response to interventions and services.

*c.* Progress toward goals in the individual education plan (IEP) or individual health plan (IHP) pursuant to 281—Chapter 41, Division VIII, or 281—subrule 41.96(1).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.45(249A) Indian health service 638 facilities.** A health care facility owned and operated by American Indian or Alaskan native tribes or tribal organizations with funding authorized by Title I or Title III of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638) is eligible to participate in the medical assistance program if the following conditions are met:

**77.45(1) Licensure.** Services must be rendered by practitioners who meet applicable professional licensure requirements.

**77.45(2) Documentation.** Medical records must be maintained at the same standards as are required for the applicable licensed medical practitioner.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

**441—77.46(249A) HCBS children’s mental health waiver service providers.** HCBS children’s mental health waiver services shall be rendered by provider agencies that meet the general provider standards in subrule 77.46(1) and also meet the standards in subrules 77.46(2) to 77.46(5) that are specific to the waiver services provided. A provider that is approved for the same service under another HCBS Medicaid waiver shall be eligible to enroll for that service under the children’s mental health waiver.

**77.46(1) General provider standards.** All providers of HCBS children’s mental health waiver services shall meet the following standards:

*a. Fiscal capacity.* Providers must demonstrate the fiscal capacity to provide services on an ongoing basis.

*b. Direct care staff.*

(1) Direct care staff must be at least 18 years of age.

(2) Providers must complete child abuse, dependent adult abuse, and criminal background screenings pursuant to Iowa Code section 249A.29 before employment of a staff member who will provide direct care.

(3) Direct care staff may not be the spouse of the consumer or the parent or stepparent of the consumer.

*c. Outcome-based standards and quality assurance.*

(1) Providers shall implement the following outcome-based standards for the rights and dignity of children with serious emotional disturbance:

1. Consumers are valued.

2. Consumers are a part of community life.

3. Consumers develop meaningful goals.

4. Consumers maintain physical and mental health.

5. Consumers are safe.

6. Consumers and their families have an impact on the services received.

(2) The department’s quality assurance staff shall conduct random quality assurance reviews to assess the degree to which the outcome-based standards have been implemented in service provision. Results of outcome-based quality assurance reviews shall be forwarded to the certifying or accrediting entity.

(3) A quality assurance review shall include interviews with the consumer and the consumer’s parents or legal guardian, with informed consent, and interviews with designated targeted case managers.

(4) A quality assurance review may include interviews with provider staff, review of case files, review of staff training records, review of compliance with the general provider standards in this subrule, and review of other organizational policies and procedures and documentation.

(5) Corrective action shall be required if the quality assurance review demonstrates that service provision or provider policies and procedures do not reflect the outcome-based standards. Technical assistance for corrective action shall be available from the department’s quality assurance staff.

*d. Incident reporting.* The provider shall document major and minor incidents and make the incident reports and related documentation available to the department upon request. The provider shall ensure cooperation in providing pertinent information regarding incidents as requested by the department.

(1) Major incident defined. A “major incident” means an occurrence involving a consumer that:

1. Results in a physical injury to or by the consumer that requires a physician’s treatment or admission to a hospital;

2. Results in a consumer’s death or the death of another person;

3. Requires emergency mental health treatment for the consumer;
4. Requires the intervention of law enforcement;
5. Requires a report of child abuse pursuant to Iowa Code section 232.69; or
6. Constitutes a prescription medication error or a pattern of medication errors that could lead to the outcome in numbered paragraph “1,” “2,” or “3.”

(2) Minor incident defined. A “minor incident” means an occurrence involving a consumer during service provision that is not a major incident and that:

1. Results in the application of basic first aid;
2. Results in bruising;
3. Results in seizure activity;
4. Results in injury to self, to others, or to property; or
5. Constitutes a prescription medication error.

(3) Report form. Each major or minor incident occurring during service provision shall be recorded on an incident report form. The form shall be completed and signed by the provider staff who were directly involved at the time of the incident or who first became aware of the incident. The report shall include the following information:

1. The name of the consumer involved.
2. The date and time the incident occurred.
3. A description of the incident, including designation of the incident as a major or minor incident.
4. The names of all provider staff and others who were present at the time of the incident or responded after becoming aware of the incident. The confidentiality of other waiver-eligible or non-waiver-eligible consumers who were involved in the incident must be maintained by the use of initials or other means.

5. The action that the staff took to manage the incident.
6. The resolution of or follow-up to the incident.

(4) Reporting procedure for major incidents. When a major incident occurs or when staff becomes aware of a major incident, the procedure shall be as follows:

1. Provider staff shall notify the supervisor immediately.
2. The supervisor shall immediately notify the consumer’s case manager and the consumer’s parents or legal guardian, unless the parent or legal guardian is suspected as the perpetrator. If a parent or legal guardian is suspected as the perpetrator, the supervisor shall follow the procedure for reporting child abuse according to Iowa Code section 232.69.

3. Provider staff shall complete the incident report and forward the report to the supervisor within 24 hours of the incident.

4. Within 72 hours of the incident, the supervisor shall send a copy of the incident report to the consumer’s case manager, the department’s quality assurance staff, and the consumer’s parents or legal guardian.

5. The provider shall file a copy of the incident report in a centralized location and make a notation in the consumer’s case file.

(5) Reporting procedure for minor incidents. When a minor incident occurs:

1. Provider staff shall notify the consumer’s parents or legal guardian immediately.
2. Provider staff shall complete an incident report and submit the report to the supervisor within 24 hours of the minor incident.

3. Provider staff shall make a notation in the consumer’s case file.

4. The supervisor shall file the incident report in a centralized location.

**77.46(2)** *Environmental modifications, adaptive devices, and therapeutic resources providers.* The following agencies may provide environmental modifications, adaptive devices, and therapeutic resources under the children’s mental health waiver:

a. A community business that:

(1) Possesses all necessary licenses and permits to operate in conformity with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations, including Iowa Code chapter 490; and

(2) Submits verification of current liability and workers’ compensation insurance.

- b. A retail or wholesale business that otherwise participates as a provider in the Medicaid program.
- c. A home and vehicle modification provider enrolled under another HCBS Medicaid waiver.
- d. A provider enrolled under the HCBS mental retardation or brain injury waiver as a supported community living provider.
- e. A provider enrolled under the HCBS children's mental health waiver as a family and community support services provider.

**77.46(3) Family and community support services providers.**

a. *Qualified providers.* The following agencies may provide family and community support services under the children's mental health waiver:

(1) Rehabilitative treatment services skill development providers certified in good standing under 441—185.10(234).

(2) Community mental health centers accredited in good standing as providers of outpatient psychotherapy and counseling under 441—Chapter 24.

b. *Staff training.* The agency shall meet the following training requirements as a condition of providing family and community support services under the children's mental health waiver:

(1) Within one month of employment, staff members must receive the following training:

1. Orientation regarding the agency's mission, policies, and procedures; and

2. Orientation regarding HCBS philosophy and outcomes for rights and dignity found in 77.36(1) "c" for the children's mental health waiver.

(2) Within four months of employment, staff members must receive training regarding the following:

1. Serious emotional disturbance in children and provision of services to children with serious emotional disturbance;

2. Confidentiality;

3. Provision of medication according to agency policy and procedure;

4. Identification and reporting of child abuse;

5. Incident reporting;

6. Documentation of service provision;

7. Appropriate behavioral interventions; and

8. Professional ethics.

(3) Until a staff member receives the training identified in subparagraphs (1) and (2), the staff member shall not provide any direct service without the presence of experienced staff.

(4) Within the first year of employment, staff members must complete 24 hours of training in children's mental health issues.

(5) During each consecutive year of employment, staff members must complete 12 hours of training in children's mental health issues.

c. *Support of crisis intervention plan.* As a condition of providing services under the children's mental health waiver, a family and community support provider shall develop and implement policies and procedures for maintaining the integrity of the individualized crisis intervention plan as defined in 441—24.1(225C) that is developed by each consumer's interdisciplinary team. The policies and procedures shall address:

(1) Sharing with the case manager and the interdisciplinary team information pertinent to the development of the consumer's crisis intervention plan.

(2) Training staff before service provision, in cooperation with the consumer's parents or legal guardian, regarding the consumer's individual mental health needs and individualized supports as identified in the crisis intervention plan.

(3) Ensuring that all staff have access to a written copy of the most current crisis intervention plan during service provision.

(4) Ensuring that the plan contains current and accurate information by updating the case manager within 24 hours regarding any circumstance or issue that would have an impact on the consumer's mental health or change the consumer's crisis intervention plan.

*d. Intake, admission, and discharge.* As a condition of providing services under the children's mental health waiver, a family and community support provider shall have written policies and procedures for intake, admission, and discharge.

**77.46(4) In-home family therapy providers.**

*a. Qualified providers.* The following agencies may provide in-home family therapy under the children's mental health waiver:

(1) Community mental health centers accredited in good standing as providers of outpatient psychotherapy and counseling under 441—Chapter 24.

(2) Rehabilitative treatment services therapy and counseling providers certified in good standing under 441—185.10(234).

*b. Staff training.* The agency shall meet the following training requirements as a condition of providing in-home family therapy under the children's mental health waiver:

(1) Within one month of employment, staff members must receive the following training:

1. Orientation regarding the agency's mission, policies, and procedures; and

2. Orientation regarding HCBS philosophy and outcomes for rights and dignity found in 77.46(1) "c" for the children's mental health waiver.

(2) Within four months of employment, staff members must receive training regarding the following:

1. Serious emotional disturbance in children and service provision to children with serious emotional disturbance;

2. Confidentiality;

3. Provision of medication according to agency policy and procedure;

4. Identification and reporting of child abuse;

5. Incident reporting;

6. Documentation of service provision;

7. Appropriate behavioral interventions; and

8. Professional ethics.

(3) Until a staff member receives the training identified in subparagraphs (1) and (2), the staff member shall not provide any direct service without the presence of experienced staff.

(4) Within the first year of employment, staff members must complete 24 hours of training in children's mental health issues.

(5) During each consecutive year of employment, staff members must complete 12 hours of training in children's mental health issues.

*c. Support of crisis intervention plan.* As a condition of providing services under the children's mental health waiver, an in-home family therapy provider shall develop and implement policies and procedures for maintaining the integrity of the individualized crisis intervention plan as defined in 441—24.1(225C) that is developed by each consumer's interdisciplinary team. The policies and procedures shall address:

(1) Sharing with the case manager and the interdisciplinary team information pertinent to the development of the consumer's crisis intervention plan.

(2) Training staff before service provision, in cooperation with the consumer's parents or legal guardian, regarding the consumer's individual mental health needs and individualized supports as identified in the crisis intervention plan.

(3) Ensuring that all staff have access to a written copy of the most current crisis intervention plan during service provision.

(4) Ensuring that the plan contains current and accurate information by updating the case manager within 24 hours regarding any circumstance or issue that would have an impact on the consumer's mental health or change the consumer's crisis intervention plan.

*d. Intake, admission, and discharge.* As a condition of providing services under the children's mental health waiver, an in-home family therapy provider shall have written policies and procedures for intake, admission, and discharge.

**77.46(5) Respite care providers.**

*a. Qualified providers.* The following agencies may provide respite services under the children's mental health waiver:

- (1) Providers certified or enrolled as respite providers under another Medicaid HCBS waiver.
- (2) Group living foster care facilities for children licensed in good standing by the department according to 441—Chapters 112 and 114 to 116.
- (3) Child care centers licensed in good standing by the department according to 441—Chapter 109 and child development homes registered according to 441—Chapter 110.
- (4) Camps certified in good standing by the American Camping Association.
- (5) Home health agencies that are certified in good standing to participate in the Medicare program.
- (6) Home care agencies that meet the requirements set forth in department of public health rule 641—80.7(135).
- (7) Adult day care providers that are certified in good standing by the department of inspections and appeals as being in compliance with the standards for adult day services programs adopted by the department of elder affairs at 321—Chapter 24.
- (8) Assisted living programs certified in good standing by the department of inspections and appeals.
- (9) Residential care facilities for persons with mental retardation licensed in good standing by the department of inspections and appeals.
- (10) Nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, and hospitals enrolled as providers in the Iowa Medicaid program.

*b. Staff training.* The agency shall meet the following training requirements as a condition of providing respite care under the children's mental health waiver:

- (1) Within one month of employment, staff members must receive the following training:
  1. Orientation regarding the agency's mission, policies, and procedures; and
  2. Orientation regarding HCBS philosophy and outcomes for rights and dignity for the children's mental health waiver in 77.46(1) "c."
- (2) Within four months of employment, staff members must receive training regarding the following:
  1. Serious emotional disturbance in children and provision of services to children with serious emotional disturbance;
  2. Confidentiality;
  3. Provision of medication according to agency policy and procedure;
  4. Identification and reporting of child abuse;
  5. Incident reporting;
  6. Documentation of service provision;
  7. Appropriate behavioral interventions; and
  8. Professional ethics.
- (3) Until a staff member receives the training identified in subparagraphs (1) and (2), the staff member shall not provide any direct service without the oversight of supervisory staff and shall obtain feedback from the family within 24 hours of service provision.
- (4) Within the first year of employment, staff members must complete 24 hours of training in children's mental health issues.
- (5) During each consecutive year of employment, staff members must complete 12 hours of training in children's mental health issues.

*c. Consumer-specific information.* The following information must be written, current, and accessible to the respite provider during service provision:

- (1) The consumer's legal and preferred name, birth date, and age, and the address and telephone number of the consumer's usual residence.
- (2) The consumer's typical schedule.
- (3) The consumer's preferences in activities and foods or any other special concerns.
- (4) The consumer's crisis intervention plan.

*d. Written notification of injury.* The respite provider shall inform the parent, guardian or usual caregiver that written notification must be given to the respite provider of any recent injuries or illnesses that have occurred before respite provision.

*e. Medication dispensing.* Respite providers shall develop policies and procedures for the dispensing, storage, and recording of all prescription and nonprescription medications administered during respite provision. Home health agencies must follow Medicare regulations regarding medication dispensing.

*f. Support of crisis intervention plan.* As a condition of providing services under the children's mental health waiver, a respite provider shall develop and implement policies and procedures for maintaining the integrity of the individualized crisis intervention plan as defined in 441—24.1(225C) that is developed by each consumer's interdisciplinary team. The policies and procedures shall address:

(1) Sharing with the case manager and the interdisciplinary team information pertinent to the development of the consumer's crisis intervention plan.

(2) Training staff before service provision, in cooperation with the consumer's parents or legal guardian, regarding the consumer's individual mental health needs and individualized supports as identified in the crisis intervention plan.

(3) Ensuring that all staff have access to a written copy of the most current crisis intervention plan during service provision.

(4) Ensuring that the plan contains current and accurate information by updating the case manager within 24 hours regarding any circumstance or issue that would have an impact on the consumer's mental health or change the consumer's crisis intervention plan.

*g. Service documentation.* Documentation of respite care shall be made available to the consumer, parents, guardian, or usual caregiver upon request.

*h. Capacity.* A facility providing respite care under this subrule shall not exceed the facility's licensed capacity, and services shall be provided in a location and for a duration consistent with the facility's licensure.

*i. Service provided outside home or facility.* For respite care to be provided in a location other than the consumer's home or the provider's facility:

- (1) The care must be approved by the parent, guardian or usual caregiver;
- (2) The care must be approved by the interdisciplinary team in the consumer's service plan;
- (3) The care must be consistent with the way the location is used by the general public; and
- (4) Respite care in these locations shall not exceed 72 continuous hours.

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