

CHAPTER 2  
OPHTHALMIA PROPHYLACTICS

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**641—2.1(140) Treatment of infant eyes.** The Iowa department of public health approves 1 percent silver nitrate solution in single-dose ampules or single-use tubes of an ophthalmic ointment containing 1 percent tetracycline or 0.5 percent erythromycin in each conjunctival sac as an ophthalmia prophylactic for newborn infants' eyes. Prophylaxis should be given after birth, but in no instance delayed for more than one hour after delivery. Once applied none of the above agents used for prophylaxis shall be flushed from the eyes following installation. This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 140.13.

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