

641—88.5(135) Covered health care services. A volunteer health care provider holding a current eligibility agreement with the VHCPP shall be afforded the protection of an employee of the state under Iowa Code chapter 669, and a free clinic holding a current eligibility agreement with the VHCPP shall be afforded protection as an agency of the state under Iowa Code chapter 669, only for claims for injury alleged to have been proximately caused by a health care provider's provision of covered health care services or solely on the basis of the health care provider's participation in the free clinic.

88.5(1) Covered health care services are only those that are:

- a. Identified in the eligibility agreement with the VHCPP;
- b. In compliance with these rules;
- c. Provided by or under the direct supervision of the volunteer health care provider;
- d. Health care services of:
 - (1) Physicians and physician assistants for: well-child examinations, annual adult examinations, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic conditions, health education, health maintenance, immunizations, and minor surgical procedures.
 - (2) Chiropractors for: examinations, diagnosis and treatment, health education and health maintenance.
 - (3) Licensed practical nurses and registered nurses for: well-child examinations, annual adult examinations, treatment of acute and chronic conditions, health education, health maintenance, and immunizations.
 - (4) Advanced registered nurse practitioners for: well-child examinations, annual adult examinations, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic conditions, health education, health maintenance, immunizations and minor surgical procedures.
 - (5) Dentists for: dental examinations, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic conditions, health education, health maintenance and minor surgical procedures.
 - (6) Dental assistants for: intraoral services, extraoral services, infection control, radiography and removal of plaque or stain by toothbrush, floss, or rubber cup coronal polish.
 - (7) Dental hygienists for: assessments and screenings, health education, health maintenance and preventive services (cleaning, X-rays, sealants, fluoride treatments, fluoride varnish).
 - (8) Psychologists for: counseling and the use of psychological remedial measures with persons with adjustment or emotional problems.
 - (9) Bachelor social workers for: services which are within the scope of practice as defined by Iowa Code chapter 154C and the administrative rules which implement that chapter.
 - (10) Master social workers for: services which are within the scope of practice as defined by Iowa Code chapter 154C and the administrative rules which implement that chapter.
 - (11) Independent social workers for: services which are within the scope of practice as defined by Iowa Code chapter 154C and the administrative rules which implement that chapter.
 - (12) Marital and family therapists for: marital and family therapy.
 - (13) Mental health counselors for: mental health counseling.
 - (14) Pharmacists for: drug dispensing, patient counseling, health screenings and education, and immunizations.
 - (15) Physical therapists for: interpretation of performances, tests, and measurements; evaluation and treatment of human capabilities and impairments; use of physical agents, therapeutic exercises, and rehabilitative procedures to prevent, correct, minimize, or alleviate a physical impairment; establishment and modification of physical therapy program, treatment planning, and patient instruction/education.
 - (16) Occupational therapists for: evaluation and treatment of problems interfering with functional performance in persons impaired by physical illness or injury, emotional disorder, congenital or developmental disability, or the aging process.
 - (17) Optometrists for: examinations, diagnosis and treatment of the human eye and adnexa, health education, and health maintenance.
 - (18) Podiatrists for: examinations, diagnosis and treatment, health education, health maintenance, minor surgical procedures.

(19) Respiratory therapists for: diagnostic and therapeutic use of administration of medical gases, aerosols, and humidification, not including general anesthesia; pharmacologic agents relating to respiratory care procedures; bronchopulmonary hygiene; specific diagnostic and testing techniques employed in the medical management of patients to assist in diagnosis, monitoring, treatment, and research of cardiopulmonary abnormalities; and pulmonary function testing.

(20) Emergency medical care providers for: provision of emergency medical care as authorized in 641 IAC 131.3(147A).

88.5(2) Experimental procedures or procedures and treatments which lack sufficient evidence of clinical effectiveness are excluded from the program.