

441—113.17(237) Medical examinations and health care of the child(ren).

113.17(1) *Medical and dental care.* Foster parents shall keep the child(ren)'s department case manager informed of any medical and dental appointments and treatments prescribed for the child(ren).

a. Foster parents shall contact the child(ren)'s parents to engage them in the process of accessing routine medical and dental care for their child(ren) unless parental rights have been terminated.

b. In case of an emergency or urgent situation requiring medical care and treatment of an acute illness, disease or condition of the child(ren), when a delay or inability to access parental or department consent for medical care or treatment would endanger the health or physical well-being of the child(ren), the foster parents can provide consent for medical care and treatment.

113.17(2) *Exemption from medical care.* Nothing in this rule shall be construed to require medical treatment or immunization for a minor child of any person who is a member of a church or religious organization which is against medical treatment for disease. In such instance, an official statement from the organization and a notarized statement from the parents shall be incorporated in the record. In potentially life-threatening situations, the child's care shall be referred to appropriate medical and legal authorities.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 237.3.

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