

441—202.5(234) Preplacement.

202.5(1) Except for placements made in less than 24 hours, a child placed in a facility shall have a preplacement visit involving:

- a. The child,
- b. The foster parents or agency staff, if the child is placed in a public or private agency,
- c. The department service worker, and
- d. The child's parents, unless their presence would be disruptive to the child's placement.

202.5(2) Before placement, the department shall provide the facility with general information regarding the child, including a description of the child's medical needs, behavioral patterns including safety-related information, educational plans, and permanency goal. The department or the department's agent may share otherwise confidential information about a child with a licensed resource parent being considered as a possible placement for the child to the extent such disclosure is relevant to the placement decision and the proper care of the child. This may also include facilitating the sharing of contact information of the previous licensed resource parent with the potential licensed resource parent in an effort to support the continuity of care for a child. Safety-related information shall be withheld only if:

- a. Withholding the information is ordered by the court; or
- b. The department or the agency developing the service plan determines that providing the information would be detrimental to the child or to the family with whom the child is living or pose a risk to the safety of the licensed resource parent.

202.5(3) The child shall have a physical examination by a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant before the initial placement into foster care, or the physical examination shall be scheduled within 14 calendar days of placement. The physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant shall complete a preliminary screening for dental and mental health and refer the child to a dentist or mental health professional if appropriate. To address any immediate medical needs, the child shall be seen immediately at an emergency room, an urgent care center, or other community health resource.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 234.6(6) "b."

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