

**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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