481—53.6(135J) Attending physician services. The patient or family shall designate an attending physician or physician assistant who is responsible for managing necessary medical care. The attending physician shall:

1. Have an active Iowa license pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148 or 148C;

2. Certify in conjunction with the medical director that each person requesting admittance is eligible as required by Iowa Code section 135J.1(3) for hospice care;

- 3. Be responsible for the medical component of the plan of care;
- 4. Participate in developing and revising the plan of care;
- 5. Arrange for continuity of the medical management in the attending physician's absence; and
- 6. Monitor the condition of the patient and family by direct contact, or communication with the interdisciplinary team (IDT) and others.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 135J.3(4). [ARC 6975C, IAB 4/5/23, effective 5/10/23]