

481—53.6(135J) Attending physician services. The patient or family shall designate an attending physician or physician associate 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).

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