

**481—53.17(135J) Contracted services.** A hospice may contract with other health care providers for the provision of all services.

**53.17(1)** Contracts shall be written and clearly delineate the authority and responsibility of each party to the contract.

**53.17(2)** The hospice shall maintain responsibility for coordinating and administering the hospice program.

**53.17(3)** Contracting for a service does not absolve the hospice of legal responsibility for provision of that service.

**53.17(4)** The hospice shall inform the patient whether the hospice is paying for the contracted services.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 135J.3(2).