

481—53.19(135J) Bereavement services. Bereavement services shall be available to each family after the death of a patient and shall be provided in accordance with family needs.

53.19(1) Bereavement services shall include:

a. Exchange of information between people who provide bereavement services and team members who provided care before death;

b. Consideration of the family's situation, including risk factors, used to develop a plan for services;

c. Identification of types of help or intervention to be available and provided;

d. Contact with the family after the death as required by their needs as documented in the plan of care; and

e. A process to assess family reactions and hospice referrals for intervention deemed appropriate by the IDT.

53.19(2) There shall be written and implemented policies and procedures governing the delivery of bereavement services.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 135J.3(6).