

489—1.5(237) Foster care review. The state board is required by Iowa Code section 237.18 to establish procedures and protocols for completing reviews of the cases of children in foster care, including a recordkeeping system and training requirements for individuals completing reviews.

1.5(1) *Establishing procedures and protocols.*

a. The state board is responsible for approval of policy and procedures consistent with the Iowa Code.

b. The department establishes and submits to the state board for approval policy and procedures that provide detailed guidance to individuals reviewing the cases of children in foster care on application of these rules and the statutes that govern foster care reviews.

c. Individuals reviewing the cases of children in foster care under the oversight of the state board are required to comply with the protocols and procedures approved by the state board.

d. Implementation of policy and procedures is the responsibility of the department.

This subrule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.3 and 237.19.

1.5(2) *Findings and recommendations.* The department will submit the findings and recommendations of foster care reviews to the state board. The report to the state board will include information regarding the permanency plan and the progress in attaining the permanency goals.

This subrule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 237.19.

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