

441—112.9(237) Suspension.

112.9(1) *Types of suspension.* There are two types of suspension of a license.

a. Emergency suspensions are to prevent persons from providing foster care by suspending their license until it is revoked or denied.

b. Time-limited suspensions are to prevent persons from providing foster care by suspending their license until a deficiency in the home or facility is corrected.

112.9(2) *Requirements for emergency suspension.* The emergency suspension of a license by the director or designee shall occur only when all of the following conditions exist:

a. The licensee fails to meet licensing requirements.

b. There are sufficient grounds for revocation on denial of the license.

c. The health, safety, and welfare of any child placed in the home or facility requires immediate action.

d. The existence of the condition requiring suspension is documented in the licensee's record.

112.9(3) *Requirements for time-limited suspensions.* The time-limited suspension of a license by the director or designee shall occur only when all of the following conditions exist:

a. The licensee fails to meet licensing requirements.

b. The health, safety, and welfare of any child placed in the home or facility requires immediate action.

c. The existence of the condition requiring suspension is documented in the licensee's record.

d. The condition requiring the suspension can be corrected by the licensee to meet licensing requirements.

e. If the condition were corrected, a full license would be issued.

f. The licensee signs a written statement acknowledging the existence of the condition, citing the law or rule violated, and making a commitment to correct the condition within a specific time period, not to exceed the period of the license.

112.9(4) *Effective period of suspensions.* A suspension shall be effective on the date the notice is received by the licensee and shall remain in effect until one of the following occurs:

a. The department withdraws the suspension due to a change in conditions in the home or facility.

b. The court orders the license reinstated.

c. The action is reversed by a final decision in accordance with 441—Chapter 7.

d. For emergency suspensions, a revocation or denial becomes effective and the license is rescinded.

e. The licensing period expires.

f. For time-limited suspensions, the period of suspension ends.

112.9(5) *Method and content of notice.* The notice of suspension shall be sent by restricted certified mail or personal service and shall include the following:

a. The condition requiring the suspension.

b. The specific law or rule violated.

c. The type of suspension.

d. For an emergency suspension, the adverse action being sought by the department.

e. For a time-limited suspension, the duration of the suspension.

112.9(6) *Right to appeal suspension.* The licensee has the right to appeal the suspension of the license, but initiation of an appeal does not alter the suspension.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 237.3 and 237.5.

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