441—176.12(235B) Multidisciplinary teams.

176.12(1) *Purpose of multidisciplinary teams.* The department will establish multidisciplinary teams for the purpose of assisting the department in assessment, diagnosis, and disposition of reported dependent adult abuse cases. The disposition of a case may include the provision for treatment recommendations and services.

176.12(2) *Execution of team agreement.* When the team is established, the department and all team members shall execute an agreement on a form prescribed by the department.

a. The team will be consulted solely for the purpose of assisting the department in the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of dependent adult abuse cases.

b. Any team member may cause a dependent adult abuse case to be reviewed if approved by the department.

c. No team members shall redisseminate dependent adult abuse information obtained solely through the multidisciplinary team. This shall not preclude redissemination of information as authorized by Iowa Code section 235B.6 when an individual team member has received information as a result of another authorized access provision of the Iowa Code.

d. The department may consider the recommendation of the team in a specific dependent adult abuse case but will not be bound by the recommendations.

e. Any document produced by the team pertaining to an individual case shall be made a part of the file for the case and shall be subject to all confidentiality provisions of Iowa Code sections 235B.6 and 235B.8.

f. Any written records maintained by the team that identify an individual dependent adult abuse case shall be destroyed when the agreement lapses.

g. Consultation team members shall serve without compensation.

h. Any party to the contract may withdraw with or without cause upon the giving of 30 days' notice.

i. All agreements must include the date on which the agreement will expire.

176.12(3) *Filing of agreement.* Whenever a team is created, a copy of the executed agreement will be kept by the department, in addition to any other requirements placed upon execution of the agreement by the department.

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