

441—28.6(218) Interviews and statements.

28.6(1) Releases to the news media shall be the responsibility of the superintendent. Authority for dissemination and release of information shall be designated to other persons at the discretion of the superintendent.

28.6(2) Interviews of patients by the news media or other outside persons or groups shall be permitted only with the consent of the patient or the patient's legal guardian. When a request without known prior consent is received, the superintendent or designee shall not acknowledge the presence or nonpresence of a person as a patient. If the patient is in the hospital, the superintendent or designee shall make the patient aware of the request. Notice to the patient shall be documented in the patient's record. The patient shall be free to decide whether or not an interview is granted.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 218.4.