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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the costs of physical examinations and related  
2 tests performed in the course of a child abuse assessment.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 232.71B, subsection 9, Code Supplement  
2 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 9. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. If the department refers a child  
4 to a physician for a physical examination, photographs, X  
5 rays, or other tests, the department shall contact the  
6 physician regarding the examination, photographs, X rays, or  
7 other tests within twenty-four hours of making the referral.  
8 If the physician who performs the examination or orders other  
9 tests upon referral by the department reasonably believes the  
10 child has been abused, the physician shall report to the  
11 department within twenty-four hours of performing the  
12 examination or ordering tests. The costs of the physical  
13 examination, photographs, X rays, and any other tests  
14 performed or ordered by the physician in connection with the  
15 referral shall be paid by the department.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill relates to the costs of physical examinations and  
18 related tests performed in the course of a child abuse  
19 assessment. Existing law requires contact between the  
20 department and a physician to whom a child is referred for a  
21 physical examination during a child abuse assessment. The  
22 bill requires the same contacts to be made when a referral is  
23 made for photographs, X rays, or other tests. In addition,  
24 the bill requires the costs of the examination, photographs, X  
25 rays, and any other tests performed or ordered by the  
26 physician in connection with the referral to be paid by the  
27 department of human services.

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