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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to physicians providing services relating to
2 child abuse assessments.

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

1 Section 1. Section 232.71B, subsection 10, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 10. *Physical examination.*

4 a. If the department refers a child to a physician for
5 a physical examination, the department shall contact the
6 physician regarding the examination within twenty-four hours
7 of making the referral. If the physician who performs the
8 examination upon referral by the department reasonably believes
9 the child has been abused, the physician shall report to
10 the department within twenty-four hours of performing the
11 examination.

12 b. The department shall only contract with a physician
13 for services in relation to a child abuse assessment if the
14 physician verifies the physician has the ability to obtain
15 consultations with other physicians, including but not limited
16 to radiologists, geneticists, and endocrinologists, who have
17 expertise in identifying unique health conditions including but
18 not limited to all of the following:

19 (1) Rickets.

20 (2) Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

21 (3) Osteogenesis imperfecta.

22 (4) Vitamin "D" deficiency.

23 (5) Any other metabolic bone disease or connective tissue
24 disorder.

25 c. If, during a child abuse assessment, there is
26 disagreement between two or more physicians about a child's
27 injuries or the presence of a condition listed in paragraph "b",
28 each physician must agree to a blind peer review process to
29 resolve the disagreement.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill relates to physicians providing services relating
34 to child abuse assessments.

35 The bill provides that the department of human services

1 shall only contract with a physician for services in relation
2 to a child abuse assessment if the physician verifies the
3 physician has the ability to obtain consultations with
4 other physicians, including but not limited to radiologists,
5 geneticists, and endocrinologists, who have expertise in
6 identifying unique health conditions including but not limited
7 to rickets; Ehlers-Danlos syndrome; osteogenesis imperfecta; a
8 vitamin "D" deficiency; and other metabolic bone diseases or
9 connective tissue disorders.

10 The bill requires physicians, during a child abuse
11 assessment, to agree to a blind peer review process to resolve
12 any disagreement between two or more physicians about a child's
13 injuries or the presence of a certain condition.