

**441—177.5(249) Qualifications of providers of health care services.**

**177.5(1) Age.** The provider shall be at least 18 years of age.

**177.5(2) Health assessment.** The provider shall obtain certification on Form 470-0672 that the provider is physically and emotionally capable of providing assistance to another person whose physical, developmental or mental health prevents independent self-care.

*a.* The certification shall be based on an examination performed by:

(1) A physician; or

(2) An advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant if the nurse practitioner or physician assistant is working under the direction of a physician.

*b.* If the provider works for an agency, the practitioner performing the examination may not be employed by the same agency.

*c.* The practitioner conducting the examination shall sign the certification.

*d.* The certification shall be submitted to the department service worker:

(1) Before the provider agreement is signed, and

(2) Annually thereafter.

**177.5(3) Qualifications.** The provider shall be qualified by training and experience to carry out the health care plan as specified in subrule 177.7(1).

**177.5(4) Relative.** The provider may be related to the client, so long as the provider is not a member of the family as defined in rule 441—130.1(234).

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