

**441—177.9(249) Written agreements.**

**177.9(1) *Independent contractor.*** The provider shall be an independent contractor and shall not be an agent, employee or servant of the state of Iowa, the Iowa department of human services, or any of its employees or clients.

**177.9(2) *Liability coverage.*** All professional health care providers shall have adequate liability coverage consistent with their responsibilities, since the department of human services assumes no responsibility for, or liability for, individuals providing care.

**177.9(3) *Provider agreement.***

*a.* The client and the provider shall enter into an agreement using Form 470-0636 prior to the provision of service. Any reduction to the state supplemental assistance program shall be applied to the maximum amount paid by the department of human services as stated in the provider agreement by using the separate amendment to provider agreement form.

*b.* Written instructions for dealing with emergency situations shall be completed by the service worker and included in the provider agreement, which shall be maintained in the client's home and in the county department of human services office. The instructions shall include:

(1) The name and telephone number of the client's physician, the nurse, responsible family members or other significant persons, and the service worker;

(2) Information as to which hospital to utilize; and

(3) Information as to which ambulance service or other emergency transportation to utilize.

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