

641—4.5(136A) Regional genetic consultation service (RGCS). This program provides comprehensive genetic services statewide through outreach clinics.

4.5(1) Provision of comprehensive genetic services. The department shall contract with the division of medical genetics within the department of pediatrics at the University of Iowa to provide genetic health care and education outreach services for individuals and families within Iowa. The contractor shall provide annual reports to the department as specified in the contract.

4.5(2) Clinical services. The services provided may include, but are not limited to: diagnostic evaluations, confirmatory testing, consultation by board-certified geneticists, genetic counseling, medical case management, and referral to appropriate agencies.

4.5(3) Patient fees.

a. A sliding fee scale for specialty genetics provider services shall be established for patients attending the outreach clinics. The parameters for the sliding fee scale shall be based on federally established percent of poverty guidelines and updated annually.

b. Families/clients seen in the regional genetic consultation service clinics shall have bills submitted to third-party payers where applicable. Families/clients shall be billed on a sliding fee scale after third-party payment is received. Payments received from receipts of service based on the sliding fee scale or from the third-party payers shall be used only to support the RGCS.

c. The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics under the control of the state board of regents shall not receive indirect costs from state funds appropriated for this program.