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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to child foster care regulatory requirements and
2 providing an effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 237.3, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. Housing, health, safety, and medical-care policies for
4 children receiving child foster care. The medical care
5 policies shall include but are not limited to both of the
6 following:

7 (1) If the health records supplied in accordance with the
8 child's case permanency plan to the foster care provider are
9 incomplete, provision for obtaining additional health
10 information from the child's parent or other source and
11 supplying the additional information to the foster care
12 provider.

13 (2) Provision for emergency health coverage of the child
14 while the child is engaged in temporary out-of-state travel
15 with the child's foster family.

16 Sec. 2. Section 237.3, Code 2001, is amended by adding the
17 following new subsection:

18 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. Notwithstanding the limitation on the
19 period of hours in the definition of child care in section
20 237A.1, for purposes of providing respite to a licensed foster
21 family home, a child care facility, as defined in section
22 237A.1, may, for a period of twenty-four hours or more,
23 provide care, supervision, and guidance of a child who is
24 placed with that licensed foster family home. The department
25 shall adopt rules to administer this subsection.

26 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
27 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill relates to child foster care regulatory
30 requirements administered by the department of human services
31 under Code chapter 237.

32 The bill amends Code section 237.3 relating to
33 administrative rules adopted by the department. Under the
34 bill, the rules pertaining to medical care policies are to
35 address incomplete health care records by providing for

1 contact with the child's parent or other source to obtain
2 additional information. In addition, the department is to
3 provide for emergency health coverage while a child is engaged
4 in out-of-state travel with the child's foster family.

5 The bill provides an exception to the child care definition
6 so that a registered child care home, preschool, or licensed
7 child care center may provide care, supervision, or guidance
8 of a child for a period of 24 hours or more, for purposes of
9 providing respite care to a licensed foster family home
10 provider.

11 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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