



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 644	House Committee:	PASSED 2/25/25 (19-0)
Committee:	Health and Human Services	House Floor:	PASSED 3/13/25 (91-4)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Brett Barker	Senate Floor:	PASSED 4/22/25 (46-0)
Date:	April 24, 2025	Governor:	
Staff:	Natalie Ginty (5-2063)		

Foster Parent Consent

- This bill allows for DHHS and foster parents to consent to routine medical care for a child placed in their care.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code 232.2)

Revises the definition of “custodian” to add the ability for DHHS to consent to routine medical care for a child, including preventative care (excluding vaccines), nonemergency medical care, and use of necessary medication.

Section 2 (Iowa Code 232.2)

Allows DHHS to delegate authority as a custodian to foster care licensees.

Section 3 (Iowa Code 237.10)

Requires DHHS to notify foster care licensees if they delegate consent to routine medical care to the licensee.

Amendment Analysis

H-1269 from the Senate – Adds the ability to consent to emergency medical care and individualized education programs, requires parental/guardian notification of delegation, and provides contingent language regarding kinship consent if House File 1014 does not advance this session.