

260D.03 VOLUNTARY FOSTER CARE.

Subdivision 1. **Voluntary foster care.** When the agency's screening team, based upon the diagnostic and functional assessment under section 245.4885 or medical necessity screenings under section 256B.092, subdivision 7, determines the child's need for treatment due to a mental illness, developmental disability, or related condition requires foster care placement of the child, a voluntary foster care agreement between the child's parent and the agency gives the agency legal authority to place the child in foster care.

Subd. 2. **Voluntary foster care agreement.** A voluntary foster care agreement shall be used to provide the agency the legal authority to place a child in foster care for treatment due to the child's disability. The agreement must be in writing and signed by both the child's parent and the agency. The agreement must be in a form approved by the commissioner of children, youth, and families, and shall contain notice to parents of the consequences to the parent and to the child of being in voluntary foster care.

History: 2008 c 361 art 6 s 46; 2009 c 163 art 2 s 37; 2024 c 80 art 8 s 70; 2025 c 38 art 8 s 81