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Overview

This act requires foster care providers to have training or experience with an individual's medical equipment before caring for the individual. It also requires placing agencies to ensure the provider has such training or experience.

1 **Requirements for foster care agencies and foster care providers related to individuals who rely on medical equipment to sustain life or monitor a medical condition.**

   Subd. 1. Licensed foster care and respite care. Provides that this section applies to foster care agencies and providers who deal with individuals (including children) who rely on medical monitoring equipment.

   Subd. 2. Foster care agency requirements. When placing individuals who rely on medical equipment, requires agencies to ensure the foster care provider can operate the equipment and that the provider has certain experience or training with the equipment.

   Subd. 3. Foster care provider requirements. Requires foster care providers to be able to competently operate necessary medical equipment and have certain experience or training with the equipment.

   Subd. 4. Qualified source definition. Defines "qualified source" as a health care professional or individual who provides equipment training.

   Subd. 5. Foster care provider training and skills form. Requires placing agencies to keep records of providers' training and skills with medical equipment. Requires the records to be provided to a parent or other appropriate individual before placement.

2 **Training and skills form.** Requires DHS to create a training and skills form.