IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

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IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF RANDY A DAVIS AND NANCY L. DAVIS

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Upon the Petition of RANDY A. DAVIS,	)	
Petitioner-Appellant,	)	Filed June 24, 1987
And Concerning NANCY L. DAVIS,	)	7-157 86-861
Respondent-Appellee.	)	

Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Wapello County (No. 3362-0884) - Richard J. Vogel, Judge.

Petitioner husband appeals from the denial of his petition to modify the joint custody provisions of the decree dissolving the parties' marriage. **AFFIRMED.**

Ray Sullins, *Des Moines*, for appellant.

Patrick P. Curran, of Vinyard & Curran, Ottumwa, for appellee.

Considered by Oxberger, C.J., and Schlegel, and Sackett, JJ.

PER CURIAM

We address Randy Davis' claim we should modify his dissolution decree to award him physical care of his daughter, Wendy. We determine physical care should remain with Nancy Davis and affirm the trial court.

The parties' marriage was dissolved in 1984. They agreed to joint custody. Nancy was awarded physical care of Wendy. Randy was granted frequent and liberal visitation. Both parties are loving and caring parents. Randy has maintained considerable contact with Nancy since the dissolution.

Nancy has remarried and will move to Minnesota. She has recently completed her training as a registered nurse. Wendy is a special child and suffers from Down's Syndrome and has a heart defect. She has been in special programs in Iowa. Randy contends physical care should be changed because the move will make it difficult to exercise his visitation. He is also concerned about the medical care and schooling Wendy will receive in Minnesota.

Randy has the burden to show by a preponderance of evidence that conditions since the dissolution decree was entered have so materially and substantially changed that the child's best interests make it expedient to award custody to him. In re Marriage of Jerome, 378 N.W.2d 302, 304 (Iowa App. 1985). We determine Randy has not met that burden. In re Marriage of Weidner, 338 N.W.2d 351, 360 (Iowa 1983). See In re Marriage of Frederici, 338 N.W.2d 156, 159 (Iowa 1983); In re Marriage of Deck, 342 N.W.2d 892, 895 (Iowa App. 1983). We therefore affirm the trial court.

AFFIRMED.