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BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE EXAMINERS

645—260.1(152B) General definitions.

"Administrator" means the administrator of the board of respiratory care examiners.

"Board" means the board of respiratory care examiners.

"Department" means the department of public health.

645—260.2(152B) Availability of information.

260.2(1) All information regarding rules, forms, time and place of meetings, minutes of meetings, record of hearings, and examination results are available to the public between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays.

260.2(2) Information may be obtained by writing to the Board of Respiratory Care Examiners, Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075. All official correspondence shall be in writing and directed to the board at this address.

645—260.3(152B) Organization and proceedings.

260.3(1) The board consists of five members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The board shall include one licensed physician with training in respiratory care, three respiratory care practitioners who have practiced respiratory care for a minimum of six years immediately preceding their appointment to the board and who are recommended by the society for respiratory care, and one member who is not licensed to practice medicine or respiratory care and who shall represent the general public. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

260.3(2) A chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary shall be elected at the first meeting after April 30 of each year.

260.3(3) The board shall hold at least an annual meeting and may hold additional meetings called by the chairperson or by a majority of board members. The chairperson shall designate the date, place, and time prior to each meeting of the board. The board shall follow the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, at its meeting whenever any objection is made as to the manner in which it proceeds at a meeting.

645—260.4(152B,272C) Code of ethics.

260.4(1) The respiratory care practitioner shall practice acceptable methods of treatment, and shall not practice beyond the competence or exceed the authority vested in the practitioner by physicians.

260.4(2) The respiratory care practitioner shall continually strive to increase and improve knowledge and skill, and render to each patient the full measure of the practitioner's ability. All services shall be provided with respect to the dignity of the patient, regardless of social or economic status, personal attributes or the nature of the patient's health problems.

260.4(3) The respiratory care practitioner shall be responsible for the competent and efficient performance of assigned duties, and shall expose incompetent, illegal or unethical conduct of members of the profession.

260.4(4) The respiratory care practitioner shall hold in confidence all privileged information concerning the patient and refer all inquiries regarding the patient to the patient's physician.

260.4(5) The respiratory care practitioner shall not accept gratuities and shall guard against conflict of interest.

260.4(6) The respiratory care practitioner shall uphold the dignity and honor of the profession and abide by its ethical principles.

260.4(7) The respiratory care practitioner shall have knowledge of existing state and federal laws governing the practice of respiratory therapy and shall comply with those laws.

260.4(8) The respiratory care practitioner shall cooperate with other health care professionals and participate in activities to promote community, state, and national efforts to meet the health needs of the public.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 147, 152B and 272C.

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