

**MEDICINE BOARD[653]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rule making related to training requirements for permanent or special license renewal and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Board of Medicine hereby proposes to amend Chapter 11, “Continuing Education and Training Requirements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapter 272C and 2018 Iowa Acts, House File 2377.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 272C.

*Purpose and Summary*

This proposed rule making amends Chapter 11 to add a definition of “opioid” and changes the training requirements for chronic pain management and end-of-life care for permanent or special license renewal.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 653—Chapter 3.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written or oral comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 22, 2019. Comments should be directed to:

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*Public Hearing*

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

January 22, 2019  
10 to 11 a.m.

Board Office, Suite C  
400 S.W. 8th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rule making.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** definition of "Opioid" in rule **653—11.1(272C)**:

"*Opioid*" means any FDA-approved product or active pharmaceutical ingredient classified as a controlled substance that produces an agonist effect on opioid receptors and is indicated or used for the treatment of pain.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 11.4(1) as follows:

**11.4(1) Continuing education and training requirements.**

*a. Continuing education for permanent license or administrative medicine license renewal.* Except as provided in these rules, a total of 40 hours of category 1 credit or board-approved equivalent shall be required for biennial renewal of a permanent license or an administrative medicine license. This may include up to 20 hours of credit carried over from the previous license period and category 1 credit acquired within the current license period.

(1) To facilitate license renewal according to birth month, a licensee's first license may be issued for less than 24 months. The number of hours of category 1 credit required of a licensee whose license has been issued for less than 24 months shall be reduced on a pro-rata basis.

(2) A licensee desiring to obtain credit for carryover hours shall report the carryover, not to exceed 20 hours of category 1 credit, on the renewal application.

*b. Continuing education for special license renewal.* A total of 20 hours of category 1 credit shall be required for annual renewal of a special license. No carryover hours are allowed.

*c. Training for identifying and reporting child and dependent adult abuse for permanent or special license renewal.* The licensee in Iowa shall complete the training for identifying and reporting child and dependent adult abuse as part of a category 1 credit or an approved training program. The licensee may utilize category 1 credit received for this training during the license period in which the training occurred to meet continuing education requirements in paragraph 11.4(1)"*a.*"

(1) Training to identify child abuse. A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to children in Iowa must complete at least two hours of training in child abuse identification and reporting every five years. "A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to children" means all emergency physicians, family physicians, general practice physicians, pediatricians, and psychiatrists, and any other physician who regularly provides primary health care to children.

(2) Training to identify dependent adult abuse. A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to adults in Iowa must complete at least two hours of training in dependent adult abuse identification and reporting every five years. "A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to adults" means all emergency physicians, family physicians, general practice physicians, internists, obstetricians, gynecologists, and psychiatrists, and any other physician who regularly provides primary health care to adults.

(3) Combined training to identify child and dependent adult abuse. A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to adults and children in Iowa must complete at least two hours of training in the identification and reporting of abuse in dependent adults and children every five years. The training may be completed through separate courses as identified in subparagraphs 11.4(1)“c”(1) and (2) or in one combined two-hour course that includes curricula for identifying and reporting child abuse and dependent adult abuse. “A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to children and adults” means all emergency physicians, family physicians, general practice physicians, internists, and psychiatrists, and any other physician who regularly provides primary health care to children and adults.

*d. Training for chronic pain management for permanent or special license renewal. Rescinded by 2018 Iowa Acts, House File 2377, section 23, effective 7/1/18. The licensee shall complete the training for chronic pain management as part of a category 1 credit. The licensee may utilize category 1 credit received for this training during the license period in which the training occurred to meet continuing education requirements in paragraph 11.4(1)“a.”*

(1) A licensee who has prescribed opioids to a patient during the previous license period must complete at least two hours of category 1 credit regarding the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guideline for prescribing opioids for chronic pain, including recommendations on limitations on dosages and the length of prescriptions, risk factors for abuse, and nonopioid and nonpharmacologic therapy options, every five years.

(2) A licensee who had a permanent or special license on January 1, 2019, has until January 1, 2024, to complete the chronic pain management training and shall then complete the training once every five years thereafter.

*e. Training for end-of-life care for permanent or special license renewal. The licensee shall complete the training for end-of-life care as part of a category 1 credit. The licensee may utilize category 1 credit received for this training during the license period in which the training occurred to meet continuing education requirements in paragraph 11.4(1)“a.”*

(1) A licensee who regularly provides ~~primary health~~ direct patient care to actively dying patients in Iowa must complete at least two hours of category 1 credit for end-of-life care every five years. “~~A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to patients~~” means all emergency physicians, family physicians, general practice physicians, internists, neurologists, pain medicine specialists, psychiatrists, and any other physician who regularly provides primary health care to patients.

(2) A licensee who had a permanent ~~or special~~ license on ~~August 17, 2011~~ January 1, 2019, has until ~~August 17, 2016~~ January 1, 2024, to complete the end-of-life care training, and shall then complete the training once every five years thereafter.