

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 691.6(6), the Department of Public Health hereby amends Chapter 127, "County Medical Examiners," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments propose changes to the rules governing the qualifications and supervision of county medical examiner investigators.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 21, 2008, as **ARC 6804B**. No comments were received. These amendments are identical to the amendments published under Notice of Intended Action.

These amendments were adopted by the State Board of Health on July 9, 2008.

These amendments will become effective on September 3, 2008.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 691.6.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 127.7(2) as follows:

127.7(2) Qualifications.

a. Prior to appointment, a CME-I ~~shall~~ should possess a minimum of two years of experience as a licensed or certified nurse or medical care provider; ~~and~~. A certified peace officer may be appointed to the position of CME-I if a nurse or medical care provider is not available.

b. ~~Prior to or within three years of appointment, a~~ A CME-I shall satisfy the following criteria:

(1) ~~Attend~~ Prior to or within two years of appointment, attend the St. Louis University School of Medicine Basic Medicolegal, ~~Basic and Master's~~ Death Investigation Course or its state medical examiner-approved equivalent; and

(2) ~~Obtain and maintain~~ Prior to or within five years of appointment, obtain certification at the registry-level as a death investigator by the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

c. and d. No change.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 127.7(4) as follows:

127.7(4) Supervision. A CME-I shall serve under the supervision of a county medical examiner. A CME-I ~~may provide~~ provides services ~~only when in the personal presence of a county medical examiner or under the direction of a county medical examiner who is available in person or under the direction of a county medical examiner when the county medical examiner or state medical examiner's office is available by telephonic communication.~~ A CME-I shall at all times perform services in a manner which is consistent with the protocol outlined in the most current edition of the County Medical Examiner's Handbook and any policies or protocols of the supervising county medical examiner.

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