

INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS DEPARTMENT[481]

Notice of Intended Action

**Proposing rulemaking related to continuing education
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Board of Physician Assistants hereby proposes to amend Chapter 782, “Continuing Education for Physician Assistants,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapters 148C and 272C and 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2686.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 148C and section 272C.2 and 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2686.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed rulemaking implements Iowa Code chapter 148C and section 272C.2 as amended by 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2686. Chapter 782 sets forth continuing education and training requirements for physician assistants. The intended benefit of this chapter is to ensure that licensees maintain up-to-date practice standards and, as a result, provide high-quality services to Iowans. The Board reviewed the continuing education requirements in the fall of 2023 pursuant to Executive Order 10. The chapter is being amended to comply with the statutory changes from 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2686, allowing a licensee to carry over up to 50 percent of excess completed continuing education hours from the previous renewal cycle. This rulemaking would grant physician assistants the ability to carry over up to 50 hours of continuing education earned in excess of the 100 hours required every two years.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 30, 2024. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- November 19, 2024

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

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

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 481—Chapter 6.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 11, 2025. 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:

March 11, 2025 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.	Ledges Conference Room 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 100 Des Moines, Iowa Via videoconference call: us02web.zoom.us/j/84473453569?pwd=01mwNiyCBmaIvM2fVrechzJslHAaVp.1
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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 rulemaking.

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 rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking 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 rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 782.2(1) as follows:

782.2(1) The biennial continuing education compliance period will extend for a two-year period beginning on October 1 of each year and ending on September 30 two years later. Each biennium, each licensee will be required to complete a minimum of 100 hours of continuing education approved by the board. Licensees who complete continuing education hours in excess of the requirements for renewal may apply up to 50 percent of the required hours to the following renewal period. Licensees may apply a maximum of 50 hours from the previous renewal period.