

CHAPTER 8

FEES

[Prior to 5/30/01, see 653—Chapter 11]

653—8.1(147,148,272C) Definitions.

“*Board*” means the Iowa board of medicine.

“*Service charge*” means the amount charged for making a service available on line and is in addition to the actual fee for a service itself. For example, one who renews a license on line will pay the license renewal fee and a service charge.

653—8.2(147,148,272C) Application and licensure fees for acupuncturists.

8.2(1) *Licensure provisions for acupuncturists.* For licensure provisions for acupuncturists, see 653—Chapter 17, “Licensure of Acupuncturists.”

8.2(2) *Fees for acupuncturists.* The following fees apply to licensure for acupuncturists.

- a. Initial application fee for licensure as an acupuncturist, \$300.
- b. Reactivation of application for licensure, \$100.
- c. Renewal fee for licensure as an acupuncturist, \$300.
- d. Upon written request and payment of the designated fee, the board shall provide the following information about the status of an acupuncturist’s license or acupuncturist’s past registration:
 - (1) Certified statement that verifies the status of licensure or past registration in Iowa that requires the board seal or a letter of good standing, \$25.
 - (2) Verification of the status of licensure or past registration in Iowa that does not require a certified statement or letter, \$20.
- e. Fee for a duplicate wall certificate or renewal card, \$25. The fee shall be considered a repayment receipt as defined in Iowa Code section 8.2.

653—8.3(147,148,272C) Examination fees for physicians. The fee for taking the United States Medical Licensing Examination Step 3 administered by the board’s designated testing service is the fee established by the Federation of State Medical Boards plus \$50. See 653—subrule 9.4(2) for information about the examination.

653—8.4(147,148,272C) Application and licensure fees to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or osteopathy.

8.4(1) Fees for permanent licensure. For provisions for permanent licensure, see 653—Chapter 9, “Permanent Physician Licensure.” The following fees shall apply to permanent licensure.

- a. Initial licensure, \$450 plus the fee for evaluation of the fingerprint packet and the criminal history background checks by the Iowa division of criminal investigation (DCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- b. Reactivation of application for licensure, \$150.
- c. Renewal of an active license to practice, \$550 if renewal is made via paper application or \$450 if renewal is made via on-line application, per biennial period or a prorated portion thereof if the current license was issued for a period of less than 24 months.
- d. Penalty for failure to renew before expiration, \$100 per calendar month after the expiration date of the license up to \$200. For example, if the license expired on January 1, a penalty of \$100 shall be charged for January and an additional \$100, or a total of \$200, shall be charged for renewal in February.
- e. There is no fee for placing a license on inactive status or allowing a license to become inactive.
- f. Reinstatement of a license to practice one year or more after becoming inactive, \$500 plus the fee for the evaluation of the fingerprint packet and the DCI and FBI criminal history background checks.
- g. Reinstatement of a license within one year of becoming inactive, \$550 except when the license in the most recent license period had been granted for less than 24 months. In that case, the reinstatement fee is prorated according to the date of issuance and the physician’s month and year of birth.

8.4(2) Fees for resident physician licensure. For provisions for resident physician licensure, see 653—Chapter 10, “Resident, Special and Temporary Physician Licensure.” The following fees apply to resident physician licensure.

- a. Application for a resident physician license, \$150 plus the fee for the evaluation of the fingerprint packet and the DCI and FBI criminal history background checks.
- b. Extension of a resident physician license, \$25.
- c. Late fee for extension of a resident physician license, \$50, to be paid in addition to the extension fee.

8.4(3) Fees for special physician licensure. For provisions for special physician licensure, see 653—Chapter 10, “Resident, Special and Temporary Physician Licensure.” The following fees apply to special physician licensure.

- a. Application for a special physician license, \$300 plus the fee for the evaluation of the fingerprint packet and the DCI and FBI criminal history background checks.
- b. Renewal of a special physician license, \$200.

8.4(4) Fees for temporary physician licensure. For provisions for temporary physician licensure, see 653—Chapter 10, “Resident, Special and Temporary Physician Licensure.” The following fees apply to temporary physician licensure.

- a. Application for a temporary physician license, \$100 plus the fee for the evaluation of the fingerprint packet and the DCI and FBI criminal history background checks.
- b. Renewal of a temporary physician license, \$50.

8.4(5) Fee for photocopy of a licensure application. Fee for a photocopy of a licensure application is \$20.

8.4(6) Fee for a duplicate wall certificate or renewal card, \$25. The fee shall be considered a repayment receipt as defined in Iowa Code section 8.2.

8.4(7) Fee for the evaluation of the fingerprint packet and the DCI and FBI criminal history background checks, \$55. The fee shall be considered a repayment receipt as defined in Iowa Code section 8.2.

653—8.5(147,148,272C) Fees for verification of physician licensure and certification of examination scores.

8.5(1) *Verification fees.*

a. Physicians shall use VeriDoc to secure a certified statement that verifies Iowa licensure status for any state medical board that accepts VeriDoc. VeriDoc is accessible at <http://www.veridoc.org/>. The fee for this service is \$40.

b. A physician who needs a certified statement that verifies Iowa licensure status for a state medical board that does not accept verification from VeriDoc shall make a written request for a certified statement with payment of a \$40 verification fee to the Iowa Board of Medicine. The Iowa board shall provide a certified statement that verifies Iowa licensure status to the nonaccepting state medical board.

c. The fee for verification of Iowa licensure status that does not require a certified statement or letter is \$15.

d. The board shall provide an automated telephone verification service whereby callers can input the licensee’s license number or social security number and receive verbally the licensee’s current licensure status. There is no fee for this service.

The board shall provide a license number for an individual caller to use in the automated telephone verification service. Businesses that utilize verifications will be required to utilize the automated telephone verification service or the alternative outlined in 8.5(1) “c.”

8.5(2) *Fees for certification of physician examination scores.* Upon request and payment of the designated fee, the board may provide certification of scores of an examination given by the board in Iowa as permitted under Iowa Code section 147.21 and 653—paragraph 2.13(2) “f.” The scores available from the board are those from examinees who took the state-constructed examination.

- a. Certified statement of grades attained by examination, \$45.

b. Certified statement of grades attained by examination including examination history or additional documentation, \$55.

653—8.6(147,148,272C) Public records.

8.6(1) *Public records available at no cost.* The following records are available at no cost to the public:

a. Public action taken by the board against a licensee may be found under the licensee's name on the board's Web site, <http://medicalboard.iowa.gov>, under "Find A Physician." Public actions are posted on the board's Web site within approximately one week after the board has taken action.

b. Electronic files of press releases, statements of charges, final orders and consent agreements from each board meeting are available within approximately one week after the board has taken action. These files are available on the board's Web site, <http://medicalboard.iowa.gov>.

8.6(2) *Purchase of public records.* Public records are available according to 653—Chapter 2, "Public Records and Fair Information Practices." Payment made to the Iowa Board of Medicine shall be received in the board office prior to the release of the records.

a. Copies of public records shall be calculated at \$.25 per page plus labor. A \$16 per hour fee shall be charged for labor in excess of one-quarter hour for searching and copying documents or retrieving and copying information stored electronically. No additional fee shall be charged for delivery of the records by mail or fax. Fax is an option if the requested records are fewer than 30 pages. The board office shall not require payment when the fees for the request would be less than \$5 total.

b. Electronic copies of public records delivered by E-mail shall be calculated at \$.10 per page; the minimum charge shall be \$5. A \$16 per hour fee shall be charged for labor in excess of one-quarter hour for searching and copying documents or retrieving and copying information stored electronically. The board office shall not require payment when the fees for the requests would be less than \$5 total.

c. Printed copies of press releases, statements of charges, final orders and consent agreements from each board meeting shall be available for an annual subscription fee of \$192 or a prorated portion thereof based on the calendar year.

653—8.7(147,148,272C) Purchase of a licensee data list. A data list of all physicians and acupuncturists includes the following information about each licensee: full name, year of birth, mailing address, business telephone number, E-mail address, Iowa county (if applicable), medical school (if applicable), year of graduation from medical school (if applicable), two medical specialties (if available), license issue date, license expiration date, license number, license type, license status, and an indicator of whether the board has taken any public action on the license. The fee for an electronic file of the list is \$50. Payment made to the Iowa Board of Medicine shall be received in the board office prior to the release of a list. The fee shall be considered a repayment receipt as defined in Iowa Code section 8.2.

653—8.8(147,148,272C) Returned checks. The board shall charge a fee of \$25 for a check returned for any reason. If a license had been issued by the board office based on a check that is later returned by the bank, the board shall request payment by certified check or money order. If the fees are not paid within two weeks of notification of the returned check by certified mail, the licensee shall be subject to disciplinary action for noncompliance with board rules.

653—8.9(147,148,272C) Copies of the laws and rules. Copies of laws and rules pertaining to the practice of medicine or acupuncture are available from the board for the following fees.

1. Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code access, no fee, available at www.medicalboard.iowa.gov.

2. Printed copies of the Iowa Code chapters that pertain to the practice of medicine or acupuncture, \$10.

3. Printed copies of board rules in the Iowa Administrative Code, \$10.

653—8.10(147,148,272C) Refunds. Application and licensure fees shall be collected by the board and shall not be refunded except by board action in unusual instances, e.g., documented illness or death of the applicant. The board shall consider the cost of the work completed on the application and the cost of the work to grant a refund in determining the amount of refund to be granted.

653—8.11(17A,147,148,272C) Waiver or variance prohibited. Licensure and examination fees in this chapter are not subject to waiver or variance pursuant to 653—Chapter 3 or any other provision of law.

653—8.12(8,147,148,272C) Request for reports. The board may request a report from the National Practitioner Data Bank or the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank regarding an applicant or licensee. The cost of obtaining the report is included within the fee for initial licensure or licensure reinstatement or renewal. However, that portion of the fee spent to obtain that report shall be considered a repayment receipt as defined in Iowa Code section 8.2.

653—8.13(8,147,148,272C) Monitoring fee. A provision for payment of \$100 per quarter to cover the board's expenses in monitoring a licensee's compliance with the settlement agreement may be included in the settlement agreement, and payments shall be considered repayment receipts as defined in Iowa Code section 8.2.

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