

**11—61.3(8A) Informal settlement.** The director or an appellant may request that an informal conference be held to determine if a dispute can be resolved in a manner agreeable to all parties prior to a contested case hearing. If the director and the appellant agree to negotiate a settlement, the various points of the proposed settlement shall be included in a written statement of facts. Negotiations for a settlement shall be completed at least five workdays prior to the date of the contested case hearing, unless additional time is agreed to by the director, the appellant and the employment appeal board, the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing, or the classification appeal committee, as applicable. The settlement shall not be binding until approved in accordance with the procedures set forth in 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 291, section 51.

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