

**571—15.21(483A) Fishing license exemption for patients of substance abuse facilities.**

**15.21(1) *Definition.*** For the purpose of this rule, the definition of “substance abuse facility” is identical to the definition of “facility” in Iowa Code section 125.2(8).

**15.21(2) *Procedure.*** Each substance abuse facility may apply to the department of natural resources for a license exempting patients from the fishing license requirement while fishing as a supervised group as follows:

*a.* Application shall be made on a form provided by the department and shall include the name, address and telephone number of the substance abuse facility including the name of the contact person. A general description of the type of services or care offered by the facility must be included as well as the expected number of participants in the fishing program and the water bodies to be fished.

*b.* A license will be issued to qualifying substance abuse facilities and will be valid for all patients under the care of that facility.

*c.* Patients of the substance abuse facility must be supervised by an employee of the facility while fishing without a license pursuant to this rule. An employee of the substance abuse facility must have the license in possession while supervising the fishing activity of patients.

*d.* Notwithstanding the provisions of this rule, each employee of the substance abuse facility must possess a valid fishing license while participating in fishing.

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