

653—1.2(17A) Purpose of board. The purpose of the board is to administer and enforce the provisions of Iowa Code chapters 147, 148, 148E, and 272C with regard to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, and acupuncture, including, but not limited to, the examination of applicants; determining the eligibility of applicants for licensure by examination or endorsement; the granting of permanent, temporary, resident or special licenses to physicians; determining the ineligibility of physicians to provide supervision to physician assistants; the investigation of violations or alleged violations of statutes and rules relating to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, and acupuncture; the imposition of discipline upon licensees as provided by statute or rule; and the operation of a licensee review committee for the purpose of evaluating and monitoring licensees who are impaired as a result of alcohol or drug abuse, dependency, or addiction, or by any mental or physical disorder or disability and who self-report or who are referred by the board to the committee.