

**655—20.5(17A,272C) Combined statement of charges and settlement agreement.** Upon a determination by the board that probable cause exists to take public disciplinary action, the board and the licensee may enter into a combined statement of charges and settlement agreement.

**20.5(1)** No licensee is entitled to be offered a combined statement of charges and settlement agreement.

**20.5(2)** Entering into a combined statement of charges and settlement agreement is completely voluntary.

**20.5(3)** The combined statement of charges and settlement agreement shall include a brief statement of the charges, the circumstances that led to the charges, and the terms of settlement.

**20.5(4)** A combined statement of charges and settlement agreement shall constitute the commencement and resolution of a contested case proceeding. By entering into a combined statement of charges and settlement agreement, the licensee waives the right to a contested case hearing on the matter.

**20.5(5)** A combined statement of charges and settlement agreement is a permanent public record open for inspection under Iowa Code chapter 22.

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