

811—16.26(17A) Final decision. When the board presides over reception of the evidence at the hearing, its decision is a final decision.

16.26(1) When a panel of specialists presides over the reception of evidence at the hearing, the findings of fact will be considered by the board at the earliest feasible time. The decision of the board is a final decision.

16.26(2) A final decision in a contested case proceeding must be in writing and include findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated.

a. Findings of fact must be accompanied by a concise and explicit statement of underlying facts supporting the findings.

b. The decision must include an explanation of why the relevant evidence in the record supports each material finding of fact.

c. Conclusions of law must be supported by cited authority or by a reasoned opinion.

16.26(3) The decision or order must be promptly delivered to the parties in the manner provided by Iowa Code section 17A.12.

16.26(4) The final decision is a public record pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(4).

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