

**653—13.8(147,148,272C) Standards of practice—physicians who prescribe or administer abortion-inducing drugs.**

**13.8(1)** *Definition.* As used in this rule:

“*Abortion-inducing drug*” means a drug, medicine, mixture, or preparation, when it is prescribed or administered with the intent to terminate the pregnancy of a woman known to be pregnant.

**13.8(2)** *Review of patient record.* A physician shall not induce an abortion by providing an abortion-inducing drug unless the physician has first reviewed the lab results, ultrasound images, and medical history provided by the patient to determine, and document in the woman’s medical record, the gestational age and intrauterine location of the pregnancy. A physician may utilize telemedicine pursuant to rule 653—13.9(147,148,272C).

**13.8(3)** *Follow-up appointment required.* If an abortion is induced by an abortion-inducing drug, the physician or designee shall use all reasonable efforts to ensure a follow-up appointment is scheduled with the patient at the same facility within 12 to 18 days after the patient’s use of an abortion-inducing drug to confirm the termination of the pregnancy and evaluate the woman’s medical condition.

**13.8(4)** *Parental notification regarding pregnant minors.* A physician shall not induce an abortion by providing an abortion-inducing drug to a pregnant minor prior to compliance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 135L and rules 641—89.12(135L) and 641—89.21(135L).

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