

351—9.1 (68B) Complaints.

9.1(1) *Form.* A complaint shall be on forms provided by the board and shall be certified under penalty of perjury. The complaint shall contain all information required by Iowa Code section 68B.32B(1).

9.1(2) *Board acceptance.* A complaint shall not be deemed accepted by the board until completion of the legal review required by Iowa Code section 68B.32B(4). If the board's legal counsel opines that the complaint contains a legally sufficient allegation, the complaint is deemed accepted. If the board's legal counsel opines that the complaint does not contain a legally sufficient allegation and the board, upon review, makes a determination that the complaint does contain a legally sufficient allegation, the complaint is then deemed accepted. If both the board's legal counsel and the board opine that the complaint does not contain a legally sufficient allegation, the complaint shall be dismissed.

9.1(3) *Notice.* Notice to the subject of a complaint is made only when a complaint is accepted, subject to the conditions of Iowa Code section 68B.32B(3). A complaint is a public record, subject to the conditions of Iowa Code section 68B.32B(11).

9.1(4) *Board review.* The board's review of a formal complaint for legal sufficiency is not a contested case proceeding and shall be made solely on the facts alleged in the complaint.

9.1(5) *Information provided to board.* The board may, on its own motion and without the filing of a complaint, initiate investigations into matters that the board believes may be subject to the board's jurisdiction. As provided in Iowa Code section 68B.32B(7), persons may provide information to the board for possible board-initiated investigation instead of filing a complaint.