

**653—17.10(147,148E,272C) General provisions.**

**17.10(1) *Use and disposal of needles.*** A licensee shall use only presterilized, disposable needles and shall provide for the disposal of used needles in accordance with the requirements of the department.

**17.10(2) *Standard of care.*** A licensee shall be held to the same standard of care as persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathy, and osteopathic medicine and surgery. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.3, any error or omission, unreasonable lack of skill, or failure to maintain a reasonable standard of care in the practice of acupuncture constitutes malpractice and is grounds for the revocation or suspension of a license to practice acupuncture in this state.

**17.10(3) *Title.*** An acupuncturist licensed under this title may use the words “licensed acupuncturist” or “L.Ac.” to connote professional standing after the licensee’s name in accordance with Iowa Code section 147.74(18).

**17.10(4) *Change of residence.*** In accordance with Iowa Code section 147.9, licensees shall notify the board of changes in residence and place of practice within 14 days of moving.

**17.10(5) *Delegation of responsibilities prohibited.*** The licensee shall perform all aspects of acupuncture treatment on a patient. Delegation of responsibility for acupuncture treatment is strictly prohibited.