

**653—17.3(148E) Definitions.**

*“Acupuncture”* means a form of health care developed from traditional and modern oriental medical concepts that employs oriental medical diagnosis and treatment, and adjunctive therapies and diagnostic techniques, for the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health and the prevention of disease.

*“Applicant”* means a person not otherwise authorized to practice acupuncture under Iowa Code section 148E.3 who applies to the board for a license.

*“Board”* means the board of medicine established in Iowa Code chapter 147.

*“Committee”* means the license and examination committee of the board with oversight responsibility for administration of the licensure of acupuncturists.

*“Current registrant”* means a person who is registered to practice acupuncture in Iowa and who submits an application for licensure within 60 days of receiving an application from the board by certified mail. A current registrant may practice acupuncture in Iowa until the board issues or denies a license.

*“Department”* means the Iowa department of public health.

*“Disclosure sheet”* means the written information licensed acupuncturists must provide to patients on initial contact.

*“Disposable needles”* means presterilized needles that are discarded after initial use pursuant to Iowa Code section 148E.5.

*“Former registrant”* means a person whose acupuncture registration has lapsed or a person who did not apply for licensure within 60 days of receiving an application from the board by certified mail. A former registrant is not in good standing to practice acupuncture in Iowa.

*“License”* means a license issued by the board pursuant to Iowa Code section 148E.2.

*“Licensed acupuncturist”* or *“licensee”* means a person holding a license to practice acupuncture granted by the board under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 148E.

*“National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncturists”* means the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM).

*“Practice of acupuncture”* means the insertion of acupuncture needles and the application of moxibustion to specific areas of the human body based upon oriental medical diagnosis as a primary mode of therapy. Adjunctive therapies within the scope of acupuncture may include manual, mechanical, thermal, electrical, and electromagnetic treatment, and the recommendation of dietary guidelines and therapeutic exercise based on traditional oriental medicine concepts.

*“Professional development activity (PDA)”* means any activity for the purpose of continuing a person’s education that is defined and approved by NCCAOM. One PDA point equals one hour of continuing education.

*“Service charge”* means the amount charged for making a service available on line and is in addition to the actual fee for a service itself. For example, one who renews a license on line will pay the license renewal fee and a service charge.