

641—85.3 (135) Appointment of local boards.

85.3(1) The county board of supervisors may establish and fund a local substitute medical decision-making board. The board shall include one or more representatives from each of the following three categories:

- a.* Physicians, nurses, or psychologists licensed by the state of Iowa.
- b.* Attorneys admitted to the practice of law in Iowa or social workers.
- c.* Other individuals with recognized expertise or interest in persons unable to make their own medical care decisions not included in “*a*” and “*b*” above.

The county board of supervisors may appoint and fund a hospital ethics committee to serve as the local decision-making board provided that the composition of the committee fulfills the above requirements.

85.3(2) County boards of supervisors may join together to form a multicounty local substitute medical decision-making board pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 28E. If a multicounty board is established, the agreement shall specify the procedure for appointment of board members and the procedure for allocation of expenses.

85.3(3) Board members shall be appointed to terms of three years with staggered terms.

85.3(4) The board shall elect a chairperson at the first meeting of each fiscal year.

85.3(5) The county board of supervisors shall notify the department when a local board is appointed and shall submit a list of the members appointed.