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Joint Report to the Governor and
2022 General Assembly
Iowa Board of Medicine and
Iowa Board of Physician Assistants

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OVERVIEW

The Iowa Board of Medicine and the Iowa Board of Physician Assistants share a common purpose to protect the public health, safety and welfare by licensing qualified individuals and enforcing Iowa's statutes and administrative rules fairly and consistently. Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Iowa Senate.

Per Iowa Code Chapter 148C the Board of Medicine and the Board of Physician Assistants are required to provide a joint report to the Governor and General Assembly, due January 31 of each year detailing the Boards' collaborative efforts.

COLLABORATIVE BOARD ACTIVITIES

- In 2022 the Board of Medicine and the Bureau of Professional Licensure, which includes the Board of Physician Assistants, entered into a new memorandum of understanding to share a Director of Licensure position. This reduces administrative duplication and establishes licensure best practices.
- The Board of Medicine assisted the Board of Physician Assistants with investigations through a memorandum of understanding to share investigative resources. Investigators from each board coordinate interview schedules in cases where complaints received involve licensee interests of both boards. In addition, both boards may share investigative records and findings in such cases as appropriate and as allowed by law.
- The Board of Medicine drafted rulemaking in collaboration with the Board of Physician Assistants to amend, rescind, and adopt rules in compliance with Senate File 2383 that made numerous changes within its licensure administrative code chapters. The amendments will be adopted and published in 2023.
- The boards routinely route agendas, rules and other material that might be of interest to each other to facilitate collaboration and the exchange of information. As issues of interest are identified, each board sends representatives to the other board's meetings to facilitate discussion and understanding of each board's position.
- Each year, the boards review pending legislation that could affect medical practices by physicians and physician assistants and work collaboratively, when appropriate, to prepare legislative assessments.

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