

HEALTH FACILITIES DIVISION

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J. B. Bennett, Administrator

Health care professionals in the department's Health Facilities Division inspect and license or certify under the Medicare and Medicaid programs and state law, more than 4,000 health care providers and suppliers in Iowa. Among those providers regulated by the division are nursing homes, residential care facilities, facilities for the developmentally disabled, assisted living programs, elder group homes, adult day services, hospitals, hospice agencies, end-stage renal disease units, ambulatory surgical centers, rural health clinics, rehabilitation agencies, psychiatric mental institutions for children, child-placing agencies, and registration of boarding homes.

Survey teams from the division conduct unannounced on-site inspection at these facilities to assess the quality of care and services provided to clients, patients, residents, and tenants. If problems are discovered during an inspection, the division can initiate corrective or enforcement action to assure a facility's compliance with state and federal requirements.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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M. Elise Pippin, Administrator

The Investigations Division investigates alleged fraud in the state's public assistance programs, including fraud by health care providers, and conducts professional practice investigations on behalf of state licensing boards. Through a review of applications for public assistance, the division can prevent the issuance of funds to ineligible individuals. In addition, when individuals fraudulently receive public assistance, the division initiates recovery actions to recoup the overpayments.

Division employees perform expenditure audits of local Department of Human Services (DHS) offices to determine eligibility for federal fund reimbursement for operating expenses. These DHS audits also ensure compliance with applicable state and federal funding requirements. When conducting health care audits at residential care facilities, nursing facilities, and residential and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, DIA auditors protect residents by assuring them that their personal funds are being properly maintained. Audit findings are also used to determine whether Medicaid reimbursement procedures meet all participation requirements.

Members of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) investigate allegations of resident abuse in long-term care facilities and other entities that receive Medicaid reimbursements from Iowa and the U.S. government. In addition to addressing allegations of resident abuse, the MFCU also investigates Medicaid provider fraud throughout Iowa. MFCU staff also work with other federal and state law enforcement agencies in conducting joint investigations. When criminal charges are warranted, the MFCU refers such cases to local and federal prosecutorial authorities for criminal prosecution or appropriate civil litigation. The MFCU also has the ability and authority, when requested, to prosecute such cases.

CHILD ADVOCACY BOARD

§237.16

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Richard G. Moore, Administrator

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Lionel Foster, Chair.....	Mason City	April 30, 2011
Joseph DeHart	Kellogg	April 30, 2013
Paula Hohensee	Ankeny.....	April 30, 2013

Michael Isaacson	Denver.....	April 30, 2013
Katherine Kaminsky.....	Glenwood.....	April 30, 2013
Brian Michaelson	Sioux City.....	April 30, 2010
Roberta Payne	Iowa City	April 30, 2010
Michael Steele	Mount Pleasant	April 30, 2010
Nancylee Ziese	Cedar Rapids.....	April 30, 2010

The Child Advocacy Board, appointed by the Governor, works to ensure that Iowa's foster children are well cared for and that the system designed to meet their needs is doing so in the most effective manner possible. The board oversees all agency programs, including local foster care review boards and the state's Court Appointed Special Advocate Program.

The board is responsible for making recommended to the Governor, General Assembly, Supreme Court and Chief Judge of each judicial district, Department of Human Services, and child-placing agencies on ways to improve the delivery of foster care services.

EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD

§10A.601

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Rick Autry, Administrative Officer

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
John Peno, Chair	Carlisle.....	April 30, 2010
Monique Kuester.....	Urbandale.....	April 30, 2014
Elizabeth Seiser.....	Des Moines	April 30, 2012

The Employment Appeal Board is a tripartite, quasi-judicial panel comprised of a representative of employers, of employees, and of the public. The three-member Employment Appeal Board is appointed by the Governor and serves as the final administrative law forum for state and federal unemployment benefit appeals. The board also hears appeals of rulings of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, rulings of the Iowa Department of Administrative Services on state employee job classifications, and rulings of the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System. In addition to unemployment cases, the board hears appeals involving peace officer issues and contractor registration requirements. The board receives 96 percent of its funding from the federal government.

HOSPITAL LICENSING BOARD

§135B.10

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<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Robert Miller, Chair.....	Mount Pleasant	June 30, 2011
Pat McDermott	West Des Moines.....	June 30, 2013
Lannie Miller.....	West Bend.....	June 30, 2011
Kay K. Runge.....	Davenport	June 30, 2013
La Rae Schelling	Marshalltown	June 30, 2013
Peter Wallace.....	Iowa City	June 30, 2011

Appointed by the Governor, the six-member Hospital Licensing Board consults with and advises the Health Facilities Division in matters of policy affecting hospital administration. In addition, the board reviews and approves rules and standards authorized by the State Board of Health and adopted by the department.