

Division of Disease Prevention

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The Division of Disease Prevention is charged with determining the frequency with which 60 specific infectious diseases occur within Iowa's population and reducing the risk and costs of these diseases to the public. The division provides advice and assistance to local communities pertaining to the incidence and control of other communicable diseases. It is concerned with achieving the eventual eradication of tuberculosis and with decreasing and controlling venereal diseases in Iowa. It also functions to reduce the incidence of disease acquired from animals through improved recognition and control procedures. Additional activities center on eradicating measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases through issuance of vaccine to public and private medical clinics, assessment of vaccination levels in Iowa children and conducting emergency clinics for outbreak control. An active disease control program is also provided for all other diseases of public health importance, including hospital acquired infections. These programs involve active monitoring of disease occurrence, case investigation, and consultation in diagnosis, treatment and control. Environmental health activities of the division focus on mobile home park inspections, enforcement of USPHS milk standards, publication of state plumbing code and investigation of various environmental problems. A program to license and inspect diagnostic radiation equipment is operational coupled with initiatives to investigate work related disease and product safety. The division manages an expanding program of personal health promotion related to lifestyle changes and provides management assistance for refugee health problems.

Boards of Examiners

Appointed by the governor. The Iowa State Department of Health provides administrative support and a large variety of services to all boards through the Professional Licensure Office unit within Central Administration.

Barber Examiners

Keith Rankin, executive secretary; 515-281-4408

The board, responsible for the licensing and inspection of approximately 2,200 barbers and 1,225 establishments, is composed of three licensed barbers and two public members. The barber licensing law was enacted in 1927, and Chapters 147, 158 and 258A are the principal laws governing the board.

Al C. Maiers, Dubuque; Carroll Anderson, Waterloo; Colleen Farmer, Davenport; Phyllis L. Henderson, West Des Moines; and Karen Voecks, West Des Moines.

Chiropractic Examiners

Harriet Miller, executive secretary; 515-281-4416

The board, responsible for the licensing of approximately 1,100 chiropractors, is composed of five licensed chiropractors and two public members. The chiropractic licensing law was enacted in 1921, and Chapters 147, 151 and 258A are the principal laws governing the board.

Shirley A. Shaefer, Davenport; Ronald O. Masters II, D.C., Mason City; Donald J. Maylor, D.C., LeMars; Martha L. Leibhart, Albia; Carl H. Lundahl, Indianola; Kenneth Pride, Humboldt; Milton F. Schlein, D.C., Postville.

Cosmetology Examiners

Grace West, executive secretary; 515-281-4424

The board, responsible for the licensing and inspection of approximately 18,800 cosmetologists and 4,400 establishments, is composed of three licensed cosmetologists and two public members. The cosmetology licensing law was enacted in 1927, and Chapters 147, 157 and 258A are the principal laws governing the board.

Maxine Cochran, Oskaloosa; Marlene Donovan, Estherville; James O'Neill, Pocahontas; Doris Rittenmeyer, Iowa City; Margaret A. Turk, Creston.