

Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners

State Capitol Complex, Executive Hills West

JOSEPH B. BAKER, D.O., Greenfield; term expires 1982.
 CYRUS L. BEYE, M.D., Sioux City; term expires 1982.
 JACK L. DODD, M.D., Ames; term expires 1983.
 ALEXANDER ERVANIAN, M.D., Des Moines; term expires 1983.
 KATHRYN E. GAMMACK, Des Moines; term expires 1981.
 FREDRICK V. HETZLER, D.O., Davenport; term expires 1981.
 JOSEPH A. McCAFFREY, Davenport; term expires 1982.
 REID E. MOTLEY, M.D., Cedar Rapids; term expires 1981.
 ROSALIE B. NELIGH, M.D., Council Bluffs; term expires 1983.
 RONALD V. SAF, executive director.

The Board of Medical Examiners was created by the 21st General Assembly in 1886. The Board of Osteopathic Examiners was established in 1907. These two agencies became a composite Board of Medical Examiners by action of the 60th General Assembly, effective May 9, 1963.

Board members are appointed by the governor with confirmation by the Senate.

The board meets monthly and has the responsibility to administer and enforce the laws and administrative rules regarding the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, osteopathy, physician's assistants, and advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

The board conducts two examinations each year for licensure to practice medicine and surgery for both medical and osteopathic doctors, determines the eligibility of physicians for licensure by endorsement or reciprocity, issues resident physician licenses, as well as temporary and special licenses.

The board also administers the physician's assistant program under Chapter 148B of the Code and is responsible for the administration of Chapter 147A for the certification of advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

The board is empowered with the duty and responsibility of licensure discipline, which involves the investigation of complaints, review of evidence, initiation and prosecution of disciplinary proceedings, imposition of licensee discipline, and may petition the District Court for enforcement of its authority. It registers and establishes peer review committees to investigate and report to the board complaints or other evidence of acts or omissions constituting cause for licensee discipline, determines and administers annual license renewals and requirements for continuing medical education, certifications for licensure in other jurisdictions, and establishes procedures regarding disputes between licensees and patients which result in judgment or settlements of malpractice claims or actions.

During fiscal year 1979-80, the board processed 7,615 renewals of permanent licenses, issued 493 new licenses, issued 148 new resident licenses with 135 renewals, issued 55 new temporary licenses with 13 renewals, certified 50 physician's assistants with 67 renewals, and processed 240 certifications and 3,500 verifications of current licensees.

Since October 9, 1979, the board has conducted 33 EMT and paramedic examinations; certified 101 EMT-I, 102 EMT-II, and 112 paramedics; and has approved eight training programs.

During the 1980 calendar year, the board received 293 complaints, closed 63 investigative files and imposed 36 sanctions consisting of revocations, suspensions, probations, civil penalties and letters of warning.

Iowa Mental Health Authority

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The Iowa Mental Health Authority is a state agency affiliated with the University of Iowa College of Medicine and located at the University of Iowa Oakdale Campus near