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Frier, Holdiman, Hughes named to alternate Board member pool

DES MOINES, IA – Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds have announced the appointments of Carole Frier, D.O., and Bruce Hughes, M.D., both of Des Moines, and Dale Holdiman, M.D., Sioux City, to the pool of alternate members of the Iowa Board of Medicine.

The appointees were recommended by the Board, and will serve at the discretion of the Board for a nine-year term. Frier is an internist, Hughes is a neurosurgeon and Holdiman is the medical director of a hospice.

Up to two alternate members can serve on a panel for an administrative hearing when a quorum of the 10-member Board is not available. Since authorized by law in 2008 and implemented in 2009, the alternate pool has been used for 80 percent of the Board's hearings.

Other alternates are Blaine Houmes, M.D., Cedar Rapids, Dana Shaffer, D.O., Exira, Janece Valentine, Fort Dodge, and Allen Zagoren, D.O., Clive.

All seven members of the pool are former Board members. Holdiman and Hughes are past chairs of the Board.