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New uniform application to help physicians seeking medical licensure in multiple states

DES MOINES, IA – The credentials of physicians seeking training or permanent licensure to practice medicine in Iowa will now be maintained in a national database they can use when they apply for licenses in other states.

The Iowa Board of Medicine today (January 25, 2012) unveiled a new uniform application system which captures basic information needed for medical licensure in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. The online system, developed by the Federation of State Medical Boards, should help physicians who need to apply for licenses in multiple states.

Physicians seeking a state license to practice medicine or to participate in residency training programs must prepare an extensive application, revealing their practice history, medical education and post-graduate training, performance on licensure examinations, and certification by medical specialty boards. Once entered into the online system, this information can be easily updated and exported. In addition to completing the uniform application, applicants will also complete an addendum with state-specific questions, meeting the parochial licensing requirements of each state.

“The uniform application benefits physicians by reducing redundancy in filling out multiple applications when applying for licensure in multiple states,” said Amy Van Maanen, the Board’s director of licensure administration.

She noted that many physicians have multiple state licenses due to the changing environment of medical practice, increased mobility of the physician population, and new

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technologies such as telemedicine that impact on physician licensure. Fifty-one percent of the physicians licensed by the Iowa Board have licenses in other states.

Iowa is the 16th state to implement the uniform application. In the Midwest, the application is already being used in Kansas, Minnesota and South Dakota.

The Federation, a coalition of state medical licensing boards, is assessing a one-time \$50 service charge for applicants who complete the uniform application. This service charge is in addition to state licensure fees.

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