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Board of Medicine offers public education program

DES MOINES, IA – The Iowa Board of Medicine is launching a public education program intended to help physicians and the public better understand the unique role it plays in Iowa’s health care system and the resources it offers to ensure quality health care in the state.

The program consists of a slide presentation and a question-and-answer session on physician licensing and discipline, and the resources the Board offers to the public – everything from helping a health consumer choose a physician to addressing complaints about medical care. The program targets non-medical groups as well as medical students, residents, hospital and clinic staffs, physician groups and medical societies.

Initially, the Board’s executive director, Mark Bowden, will be available for public presentations. It is expected that other members of the agency’s administrative staff as well as members of the Board will make presentations, too, depending upon public interest.

“State medical boards play an essential role in the health care system, protecting the public from the unprofessional, improper, unlawful, fraudulent or incompetent practice of medicine,” said Board Chairperson Siroos Shirazi, M.D. “The Board is committed to fulfilling this mission for the people of Iowa and we believe this outreach will help us succeed in that effort.”

The 10-member Board is composed of seven physicians and three members of the public appointed by the Governor. The Board employs an administrative staff including an executive director, legal director, medical director, investigators, and licensing staff.

Arrangements for presentations should be made at least three weeks prior to the event. Contact:

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