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**December 18, 2017**

**TO: Administrative Rules Review Committee, Iowa Legislature  
Administrative Rules Coordinator, Office of the Governor of Iowa**

**FR: Mark Bowden, Iowa Board of Medicine**

**RE: Report on waivers or variances granted or denied, July 1-December 31, 2017**

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 17A.9A(5), the Iowa Board of Medicine provides the following report on waivers or variances from the requirements of a rule during the second six months (July-December) of calendar year 2017. These actions were taken pursuant to Iowa Code § 17A.9A and have been dutifully reported to the Iowa Administrative Code Editor's Office and posted at <https://art.iowa.gov/art/index.php> for public access. In addition, these actions are recorded in the Board's minutes, which are available to the public at <http://www.medicalboard.iowa.gov/>

The Board received three petitions for waiver of requirements of a rule from July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. The Board found that its action to approve three waivers would not prejudice the substantial legal rights of others because any individual has the option under Board rules to request a waiver of these requirements. Further, the Board determined that any precedent was set only inasmuch that the Board would make the same determination for any and all applicants who meet the exact factors considered by the Board.

The Board, as a part of its ongoing review of administrative rules pursuant to Iowa Code § 17A7 (2), will determine in the 2018 fiscal year if the licensure requirements waived should be amended.

The following are actions taken by the Board from July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, on petitions for a waiver or variance:

**IAC-653 9.3(1)c(3) Postgraduate Training** – Applicants must have completed continuous, progressive postgraduate training in a program approved by the Board. The Board approves training programs accredited by Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, American Osteopathic Association, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; and College of Family Physicians of Canada.

**Tamer Abdelrhman, M.D.**

**Date of order: 07/21/2017**

**Actions:** Approved waiver and granted permanent license MD-44488

**Basis:** Board initially voted to deny the petition in the public session of the regularly scheduled meeting on April 14, 2017, but agreed to leave the petition open to obtain and consider additional information from the physician. The Board reconsidered the petition and information of a recent ABMS board certification at the July 21, 2017, meeting. He completed a four-year pathway to board certification at Northwestern University in Illinois. He obtained certification by the American Board of Radiology via an alternative pathway. Board also considered his full and unrestricted licensure in Illinois and Wisconsin.

**Shahid Hussain, M.D.**

**Date of order: 07/21/2017**

**Actions:** Approved waiver and issued medical license MD-44487

**Basis:** He completed a four-year pathway to board certification at University of Nebraska Medical Center. He obtained certification by the American Board of Radiology via an alternative pathway. Board also considered and recognized practice history and full and unrestricted licensure in Nebraska and New York.

**Anupama Wadhwa, M.D.**

**Date of order: 07/21/2017**

**Actions:** Approved waiver and issued medical license MD-44486

**Basis:** She completed a four-year pathway to board certification at University of Louisville in Kentucky. She obtained certification by the American Board of Anesthesia via an alternative pathway. Board also considered and recognized practice history and full and unrestricted licensure in Kentucky and California.