

The Iowa Board of Medicine website at [www.medicalboard.iowa.gov](http://www.medicalboard.iowa.gov) is the official website of the Board. The Administrators in Medicine (AIM) host this site on their “DocFinder” database at <http://www.docboard.org/>. The Board is responsible for maintaining all of the information on the website, including the data information related to license information and disciplinary action on physicians. The data is electronically transferred daily to AIM, which then installs the file into the “DocFinder” database. The information provided on the website is the same information provided through other means of verification, i.e. telephone or mail, and is accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge.

AIM manages the website and it is the decision of the individual program or organization to determine whether the information meets standards for which it is responsible. The Board considers that this site is appropriate for verification information, but is not responsible for determining appropriateness of the information compared to standards of other organizations or programs.

The Board requires primary source verification of a physician’s credentials prior to issuing a license for physicians who did not meet the expedited endorsement criteria. Medical schools are required to complete and return an approved form directly to our office, verifying the physician’s credentials along with a transcript of the physician’s education. Verification of the physician’s post-graduate training, hospital privileges (within the past five years), and licenses held in other states are also primary-source verified by having those entities complete and return an approved form directly to our office. The Board may also accept the above information from the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS). The Board only accepts FCVS physician profiles that have had the above information primary-source verified.

Expedited endorsement is a process where the board can issue a license based on the acceptance of an applicant’s core credentials that have been primary-source verified by another jurisdiction’s licensing board. Core credentials are documents which demonstrate the applicant’s identity, medical training and practice history. This includes, but is not limited to, the certification of medical education, medical school diploma, medical school transcript, dean’s letter, examination history, ECFMG certificate, fifth pathway certificate, and post-graduate training verification. Applicants who were issued a license by expedited endorsement met the eligibility requirements for permanent licensure in addition to the following criteria.

- Held at least one permanent/full U.S. state/jurisdiction or Canadian medical license.
- Held an unrestricted license in every jurisdiction where the applicant is licensed.

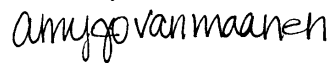
- Had no formal disciplinary actions, active or pending investigations by a board, licensing authority, medical society, professional society, hospital, medical school, federal agency, or institution staff sanctions in any state, country or jurisdiction.
- Held current specialty board certification by an ABMS or AOA specialty board. Lifetime certification is excluded.
- Were in continuous active practice within the past five years. Time spent in post-graduate training is not considered continuous active practice.

Applicants who met the expedited endorsement criteria did not have their medical education, post-graduate training or ECFMG status, if applicable, primary-source verified before a license was issued.

Phone verifications are also available through the Interactive Voice Recognition system. Your organization may call 515/281-5171 and query our database by selecting the verification option and keying in either the physician's social security number or the license number.

The Board encourages organizations to use the above verification systems in lieu of written verification requests, which are \$15 per physician. Utilizing one of the above systems allows our staff to concentrate on processing and reviewing applications. Please contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Amy Van Maanen

Director of Licensure & Administration