

The Iowa Board of Medicine licenses allopathic physicians (M.D.), osteopathic physicians (D.O.), and acupuncturists (L.Ac.).

The Iowa Board of Medicine website at www.medicalboard.iowa.gov is the official website of the Board. 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 displayed in the search results is real-time data from the board's 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.

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

The Board requires primary source verification of a physician's credentials prior to issuing a Permanent or Administrative 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. Verification of the physician's post-graduate training 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. Hospital privileges held within the past five years may also be verified, upon request of the reviewer. Other exceptions to primary source verification are noted below.

1. **Professional schooling** (non-M.D./D.O.) is not verified by the Board.
2. **Specialty Board Certification** is not primary source verified.
3. **Education and Training:**
 - Applicant's medical school education (M.D. / D.O.) and post-graduate training is primary source verified for domestic and foreign graduates unless expedited endorsement requirements are met. 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:

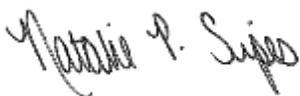
- Held at least one permanent/full U.S. state/jurisdiction or Canadian medical license.
- Held an unrestricted license in every jurisdiction where the applicant is licensed.
- Had no formal disciplinary actions, active or pending investigations by a board, licensing authority, medical society, professional 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.

- Resident License applicant's education is not verified. The Board requires a copy of the medical diploma or letter from the medical school. An ECFMG certificate is required if the medical school is not approved by the board. If a resident license applicant has previous post-graduate training in the U.S. or Canada, that training is primary source verified.
- Temporary License applicant's education and training is not verified. The Board requires a copy of the medical degree and translation if necessary.
- Special License applicant's education and post-graduate training is primary source verified. Special license applicants do not qualify for expedited endorsement.
- Acupuncture License applicants are required to complete a minimum 3-year post-secondary training program or 3-year acupuncture college program. An official transcript must be provided directly to the Board. Proof of NCCAOM certification is primary source verified.

The expiration date of a permanent or administrative Iowa medical license is always the first day of the licensee's birth month. The year the licensee was born determines whether a licensee will renew in odd or even years. A physician can renew their license 60 days prior to the expiration date of their license. A licensee has a two month grace period following the expiration date of their license in which they can renew the license. If a physician fails to renew their license prior to the expiration date of their license, they will be assessed a penalty fee(s) during this grace period. **The license is still considered active/valid during the grace period.** Once the license is renewed it is valid for two years.

Sincerely,



Natalie Sipes
Director of Licensure