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Board awarded \$10,000 grant for online application project

DES MOINES, IA – The Iowa Board of Medicine has received a \$10,000 grant to help implement the Federation of State Medical Boards' online uniform license application for physicians.

The grant, announced June 2 by the federation, will be used toward the cost of writing a computer program for the Iowa Board's new database to accept the uniform application.

The uniform application collects core credential information used by all state licensure boards. It is supplemented with an addendum application that is specific to each state board's unique licensure requirements. Once completed, the uniform application can be distributed to other states, eliminating the need to re-submit the same core information if the physician is seeking licensure in multiple states.

Twelve state boards are using the uniform application, and another six, including Iowa, are working with the federation to adopt the application.

The Iowa Board is installing a new content management and database system that will allow physicians to apply for a license online and to monitor the status of their applications. The new system, scheduled to be operational in October, will also improve access to public records about licensees.

The funds for Iowa were made available to the federation via the Licensure Portability Grant Program of the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The federation is a national non-profit organization representing the 70 medical boards of the United States and its territories.