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## Fort Dodge attorney named to alternate member pool

DES MOINES, IA – Janece Valentine, a Fort Dodge attorney, has been appointed to serve as an alternate member of the Iowa Board of Medicine.

Valentine, a regular member of the Board from May 1, 2000 to April 30, 2009, was appointed by Governor Culver on July 8 to a pool of alternate members who can serve on Board panels for administrative hearings. The term of an alternate member is nine years.

A 2008 law allows the Board to have a pool of up to 10 alternate members, including licensed physicians and members of the public, to substitute for regular Board members who recuse themselves or become unavailable for any other reason for contested case hearings. The hearings are held when licensees contest charges filed against them by the Board.

A hearing panel containing an alternate member must include six people, a majority of which must be regular Board members. A decision of a hearing panel containing alternate members is consider a final decision of the Board.

In 2009, alternates were used in five of the Board's six administrative hearings. Other alternates are Dana Shaffer, D.O., of Exira, Allen Zagoren, D.O., of Clive and Blaine Houmes, M.D., of Cedar Rapids.

*(For more information about the Iowa Board of Medicine - Alternate Members see Chapter 148.2A of the Code of Iowa.)*