



# STATE OF IOWA

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## CERTIFIED MAIL

Erin Gotz  
1844 Bennett Street  
Dubuque, IA 52001

### NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Dear Ms. Gotz:

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine (Board) received information which indicates that you have engaged in the unauthorized practice of medicine in Iowa in violation of Iowa law. The information reviewed by the Board indicates that you use tuning forks and specialized crystals to diagnose health conditions and prescribe a high-dose vitamin regimen to your clients. The Board has serious concerns that the use of such high-dose vitamins may be toxic and could cause serious harm to your clients. The Board advises that you immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from engaging in the unauthorized practice of medicine in Iowa.

Iowa Code Section 148.1 provides that the following persons are deemed to be engaged in the practice of medicine:

1. Persons who publicly profess to be physicians or surgeons or who publicly profess to assume the duties incident to the practice of medicine or surgery.
2. Persons who prescribe, or prescribe and furnish medicine for human ailments or treat the same by surgery.
3. Persons who act as representatives of any person in doing any of the things mentioned in this section.

A person who is engaged in the practice of medicine is required to obtain a license for that purpose. See Iowa Code Section 147.2. In the event a person engages in the practice of medicine without a license issued by the Board, the office of the Iowa Attorney General is authorized to file a civil

action against that person in a state district court to obtain a permanent injunction prohibiting that person from engaging in the unauthorized practice of medicine. See Iowa Code Sections 147.83 and 147.92. Furthermore, such unlicensed practice could subject you to criminal charges, as Section 147.103A(1) provides that a violation of Section 147.2 is a Class "D" felony.

You are hereby warned that you must immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from practicing medicine without an Iowa medical license. If the Board receives information that you have engaged in the unauthorized practice of medicine after the date you receive this letter, a civil injunction action may be filed against you by the office of the Iowa Attorney General, and/or the case may be referred to the county attorney for criminal prosecution.

I would strongly advise you to contact your attorney to seek advice regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen K. Stockdale MD MS". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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Colleen K. Stockdale, M.D., M.S., Chairwoman  
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