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The Honorable Mona Martin, Chair  
Committee on State Government  
Iowa House of Representatives  
Capitol Building  
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Dear Representative Martin:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 272C.4(2) of the 1995 Code of Iowa, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners (Board) hereby submits its annual report for calendar year 1994.

### **I. 543 Investigative Files Opened During CY 1994**

The investigations initiated by the Board were based upon complaints and reports received from a variety of sources including patients, health care practitioners, health facilities, insurance providers, law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, as well as the general public. Additionally, some of the investigations were opened on the Board's motion. The Board closed a total of 417 investigative files during calendar year 1994. About 648 of the investigative files that remained open at the end of CY 1994 were carried over into the 1995 calendar.

### **II. Six Peer Review Committees Registered in CY 1994**

The Board utilizes registered peer review committees to evaluate investigative reports, medical records and other pertinent material. Reports and recommendations made by the peer review committees are considered by the Board when determining if a disciplinary action should be initiated against a licensee.

The Board's peer review committees are:

<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>NOS. OF MEMBERS</b>
Surgery	6
Anesthesiology	5
OB/GYN	4
Internal Medicine	3
Emergency Medicine	2
Family Practice	9

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No formal disciplinary actions were initiated by the Board during calendar year 1994 based solely upon the recommendation of peer review committees.

### **III. 37 Formal Disciplinary Actions Initiated in CY 1994**

The formal disciplinary actions commenced before the Board or courts during calendar year 1994 covered a wide range of potential violations of state law and Board administrative rules. The majority of these actions concerned quality of care, physician impairments, and unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or osteopathy.

### **IV. 128 Sanctions Issued in CY 1994**

The formal and informal sanctions issued by the Board in calendar year 1993 include:

<b>TYPE OF SANCTION</b>	<b>NUMBER TAKEN</b>
License revocations	3
License suspensions	7
License surrenders	8
License probations	14
Civil penalties	5
Letters of warning, concern/education *	91

\* Denotes Informal sanction

### **V. Board Actions On Appeal or Under Judicial Review in CY 1994**

At the end of calendar year 1994, two petitions for judicial review of Board disciplinary actions awaited action in Iowa District Courts. Three Board disciplinary action remain on appeal before the Iowa Supreme Court.

## VII. 1030 Licenses Issued in CY 1994

The Board approved the issuance of licenses to 1030 applicants. Included were:

- 762 permanent licenses
- 16 temporary licenses
- 5 special licenses
- 245 resident physician licenses
- 2 certifications of registration to practice acupuncture

The Board received 817 applications for permanent, temporary and special licenses in calendar year 1994. This figure is about 13 percent above the 720 applications received by the Board in calendar year 1993. The Board took action on 736, or about 90%, of the 817 applications received in CY 1994; the remaining applications were carried-over for review or investigation in calendar year 1995. Overall, the Board issued 109 more permanent Iowa medical licenses in CY 1994 than in the 1993 calendar year.

In addition, the Board also took the following formal actions relating to licensure during calendar year 1994:

- o Seven applications for licensure were denied.
- o Following appeal hearings, the Board approved licensure for two physicians whose applications had initially been denied.

## VIII. 5172 Licenses Renewed in CY 1994

During calendar year 1994, 5172 permanent licenses were renewed by the Board. This number represents about half of the total roster of licensees. The expired permanent licenses of 18 physicians were reinstated upon the approval of the Board. Additionally, audits of the continuing education certifications submitted by 138 physicians seeking license renewal were conducted. The Board's office also prepared responses to over 34,000 requests for verification of Iowa licensure.

## IX. Administrative Rules Adopted in CY 1994

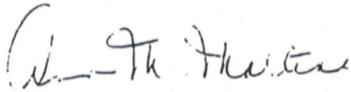
The Board promulgated and adopted amendments to its licensure and disciplinary rules. The amendments, copies of which are attached, made several technical corrections in the administrative code, instituted procedures to improve Board effectiveness, and authorized the Board to recover certain costs for disciplinary hearings. In addition, administrative rules

governing the practice of acupuncture and HIV/Hepatitis B infected physicians also took effect in CY 1994.

### **X. 63 Physicians Examined by the Board in CY 1994**

During calendar year 1994, the Board administered the nationally accepted United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) and Special Licensing Examination (SPEX) to 63 physicians.

Respectfully submitted,



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