

Executive Director's Report

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INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT: Qualified physicians living or practicing in Iowa are beginning to use a new process to quickly gain licensure in 17 other states that have joined the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The expedited licensure process formally began April 4 in Iowa and by April 10 the Board of Medicine had received applications from 10 physicians who seek to qualify for licensure through the compact. Qualified physicians must designate one of the compact states as their state of principal license and attest that the designated state is their primary residence, or the state where at least 25 percent of their practice of medicine occurs, or is the location of their employer, or the state they use for purposes of federal income tax. Physicians who designate Iowa as their state of principal licensure will be reviewed by the Iowa Board of Medicine, which will issue a letter of qualification expressing whether or not they are eligible for licensure through the compact. If approved, physicians will select compact states where they want a medical license and the compact will notify those states to issue the license. The 18 states participating in the compact are Iowa, Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Eleven of the 18 compact states are still working to ensure their ability to access the FBI's criminal background check system as a part of the process to determine if a physician is eligible for licensure through the compact. At this time, only doctors who hold a full, unrestricted license in at least one of seven states (Iowa, Alabama, Idaho, Kansas, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming) can apply to be licensed in one or more of the 17 other states. Applicants for licensure through the compact will pay a service fee for the expedited licensure process and the licensure fee for each state medical license issued. To learn more about the compact or to initiate an application for a letter of qualification go to <https://www.imlcc.org>

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Governor Terry Branstad and Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds have appointed three members to three-year terms on the Board of Medicine, effective May 1:

- **Diane Clark, Lake Mills** – a public member of the Board, she is a retired physician services administrator. She was appointed to the Board in 2011 and reappointed in 2014.
- **Hamed Tewfik, M.D., of Iowa City** - a physician member of the Board, he is a radiation oncologist at the Iowa City Cancer Treatment Center. He was appointed to the Board in 2011 and reappointed in 2014.
- **Brian Wilson, D.O., Spencer** – A physician member of the Board, he will succeed Ronald Cheney, D.O., who did not seek reappointment. Dr. Wilson, a 1984 graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, is an Obstetrician-Gynecologist and has been licensed in Iowa since 1996. Orientation for Dr. Wilson is scheduled for April 26.

FSMB ANNUAL MEETING: Board Chair Diane Clark will be Iowa's voting delegate at the Federation of State Medical Boards' House of Delegates meeting on April 22 in Fort Worth, TX. Board members Clark and Kyle Ulveling, M.D., and four members of the Board's staff will attend the FSMB's annual meeting, April 20-22.

BOARD CALENDAR: April 13- June 2, 2017

April 13-14 – Board meeting

April 26 – New Board member orientation, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

April 28-29 – Reserve hearing dates

May 4 – Physician Health Committee meeting, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

May 18 – Board teleconference, 7:30 a.m.

May 19 – Psychologist prescribing subcommittees meeting. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

May 29 – Office closed (Memorial Day holiday observed)

June 1-2 – Board meeting