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Public hearing March 2 on acupuncturist rules

DES MOINES, IA -- The Iowa Board of Medicine will hold a hearing at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2010, for the public to comment on proposed amendments to the administrative rules for the licensure of acupuncturists to practice in Iowa.

The hearing will in the Board's office at RiverPoint Business Park, Suite C, 400 SW Eighth Street, Des Moines.

The proposed amendments to Chapter 17 in the Iowa Administrative Code add a requirement that applicants submit to a criminal history background check as a part of the licensure process. The amendments further define the process for denial of licensure and remove outdated rules. The Board is also amending Chapter 8 to add a fee of \$55 for the background check.

The public may also present written comments on these amendments not later than 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

The Board initiated the proposed amendments on December 17, 2009. If adopted by the Board, the proposed amendments would become effective after June 9, 2010.

There are about three dozen acupuncturists licensed to practice in Iowa.

The proposed amendments can be read on in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin:

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/ACODOCS/DOCS/02-10-2010.Bulletin.pdf>