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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board members
FR: Mark Bowden, executive director
RE: Monitoring Iowa-licensed physicians who live/work outside of Iowa

Iowa-licensed physicians (active or inactive) can be ordered by the Iowa Board of Medicine to have worksite monitors or practice monitors in place for a specific or an indefinite duration as a condition of their practice in Iowa.

As expressed in Board orders, periods of residence or practice outside the state of Iowa shall not apply to the duration of a monitoring order unless the physician obtains prior written approval from the Board.

Monitoring must occur to the fullest extent of the Board order when a physician resides/practices in Iowa. The extent to which a physician will be monitored while residing/practicing in another state will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Board's enforcement monitoring staff, chief investigator, director of legal affairs and executive director.

The final orders for civil penalties, hearing fees and directives for evaluations, treatment, and remedial education will be enforced, regardless of the physician's residence or practice locale. Licensees in non-compliance will be promptly reported to the Board for possible disciplinary action.

The chief investigator will promptly provide information on board orders to licensing authorities in states where a physician resides or practices.

The Board may allow the use of audio-visual teleconferencing in lieu of a personal appearance by a physician residing/working outside of Iowa who is required to appear before the Board or a Board committee.