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State Board of Medical Examiners

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The Honorable Robert M. Carr, Chairman
The Honorable Jean Lloyd-Jones, Chairman
Senate and House Committees on State Government
Iowa State Legislature
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

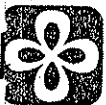
Dear Senator Carr and Representative Lloyd-Jones:

This report is submitted in compliance with Section 258A.4(2) of the Code of Iowa.

- A. The Board of Medical Examiners filed its rules relating to the duties of the Board on November 29, 1978, and these rules became effective on March 29, 1979.

Administrative rules adopted in 1985 relating to the duties of the Board of Medical Examiners are as follows:

1. Health 470-136.5, 136.6 and 136.7 (148C) "Physicians' Assistants". Rules set out methods of discipline, grounds for disciplinary action and establish a peer review committee for physicians' assistants. These amendments became effective on January 9, 1985.
2. Health 470-135.102 (147, 148 and 150A) "Medical Examiners". These rules were necessary to allow the administration of the new Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) for physicians. The change was necessitated by a change at the national level in the cost, test structure and method of administration. The amendments became effective on March 8, 1985.
3. Health 470-135.101, 135.102, 135.103 and 135.108 (147, 148 and 150A) "Medical Examiners". The rules set out standards for licensure by examination, component fees for the new FLEX, retesting of failed components and acceptable methods of licensure by endorsement of exam scores. Due to the structure of the new Federation



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Licensing Examination (FLEX), the Board instituted these changes to allow individuals who fail one or both components to repeat the component failed but not to require those individuals to repeat the entire FLEX. These changes were effective on August 9, 1985.

4. Health 470-132.12 (147A) "Advanced Emergency Medical Care". The rule extends the EMT-defibrillation pilot study program to December 31, 1986. New permanent rules are being written and are expected to be in place in March, 1986. this rule was effective on December 31, 1985.

B. Disciplinary Caseload

(1) Cases carried forward	
January 1, 1985	398
(2) Cases opened during 1985	521
(3) Cases closed during 1985	493

C. Total number of cases open as of January 1, 1986 426

D. Categories of complaints received during the year 1985

(1) Reported because of	
Drug related	36
Alcohol related	6
Ethics & conduct	27
Competency	56
Fraud	2
Insurance notifications	343
Mental problems	1
Miscellaneous	8
Practice without license	11
License discipline other states	17
Background investigation	8
Violation of Probation	6
	Total
	<u>521</u>

(2) Reported by	
Public	14
Another Agency	22
Insurance Commissioner	343
Patient	59
Doctor	22
Health Professional	13
Law Enforcement	4
Federation	13
Unknown Source	1
Board of Medical Examiners	30
	Total
	<u>521</u>

E. Categories of Complaints closed during 1985

(1) Closed by Reason	Total Closed	No Action	Sanctions
Drug Related	33	13	20
Alcohol Related	5	2	3
Ethics & Conduct	27	23	4
Competency	36	29	7
Fraud	1	1	0
Insurance Notification	347	327	20
Mental Problems	1	0	1
Miscellaneous	7	4	3
Practice without license	12	10	2
License discipline other states	11	6	5
Background Investigation	6	5	1
Violation of Probation	5	1	4
Total	493	423	70

(2) Closed by who Reported	Total Closed	No Action	Sanctions
Public	16	11	5
Another Agency	28	13	15
Insurance Commissioner	347	327	20
Patient	40	35	5
Doctor	17	11	6
Health Professional	7	3	4
Law Enforcement	1	0	1
Federation	11	6	5
Unknown Source	1	0	1
Board of Medical Examiners	23	15	8
Total	493	423	70

F. Peer Review Disciplinary Actions 0

G. Judgements and settlements reviewed
or investigated by the Board 347

H. Number of formal disciplinary proceedings
commenced before the Board or court 28

(NOTE: Three of the proceedings are pending hearing.
Twenty five of the proceedings are final.

I. Number and type of sanctions imposed by the Board

- (1) Indefinite suspension 3
- (2) Six year probation 1
- (3) Five years probation 10
- (4) Three years probation 4

(5)	Injunction	1
(6)	Suspension and fine	2
(7)	Voluntary Surrenders	5
(8)	Restricted practice	1
(9)	Letter of warning	43

Total 70

- J. Number and state of appeals to District Court 0
- K. Number and type of Peer Review Committee registered with the Board 1
 - (1) A Surgical Peer Review Committee consisting of 3 members is registered with the Board.
- L. Number of Physicians who are in a probationary status as of December 31, 1985 32
- M. Number of Physicans' Assistants who are in a probationary status as of December 31, 1985 1
- N. Number of Advanced EMTs who are in a probationary status as of December 31, 1985 1
- O. Number of Physicians who are indefinitely suspended as of December 31, 1985 10

Respectfully submitted,

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