

September 3, 2013
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public hearing is 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, on rules for Iowa Physician Health Program

DES MOINES, IA – The Iowa Board of Medicine will hold a public hearing at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 10, 2013, to receive comments on proposed amendments to 653 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 14 to update rules for the Iowa Physician Health Committee and Program.

The Board approved a notice of intended action to amend Chapter 14 on June 28, 2013. The amendments define program participants, the duties of the Committee's officers, and the discretion of the Committee to report a participant to the Board for noncompliance with the participant's program contract.

The Program was established in 1996 to support physicians who self-report mental health issues, physical disabilities, or substance use disorders. The advocacy and confidential monitoring program is administered by the Committee, which is appointed by the Board of Medicine. Participants sign contracts agreeing to adhere to the strict guidelines.

The hearing will be held at the Board's office, 400 SW Eighth Street, Suite C, Des Moines. The public can also submit written comments on the proposed amendments not later than 4:30 p.m. September 10. Written comments should be sent to Mark Bowden, Executive Director, Iowa Board of Medicine, 400 SW Eighth Street, Suite C, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4683 or sent by e-mail to ibm@iowa.gov

The proposed rule was published as **ARC 0977C** in the August 21, 2013, Iowa Administrative Bulletin. The proposed rule and public comments can be read [here](#).

#

For more information, contact Mark Bowden, Executive Director, Iowa Board of Medicine, (515) 242-3268 or mark.bowden@iowa.gov