

653—14.9 (272C) Confidentiality. Information in the possession of the board or the committee shall be subject to the confidentiality requirements of Iowa Code section 272C.6. Information about applicants or licensees in the program shall not be disclosed except as provided in this rule.

14.9(1) The IPHC is authorized pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(4) to communicate information about a current or former IPHP participant to the applicable regulatory authorities or impaired licensee programs in the state of Iowa and in any jurisdiction of the United States or foreign nations in which the participant is currently licensed to practice medicine or in which the participant seeks licensure. IPHP participants must report their participation to the applicable physician health program or licensing authority in any state in which the participant is currently licensed or in which the participant seeks licensure.

14.9(2) The IPHC is authorized to communicate information about an IPHP participant to any person assisting in the participant's treatment, recovery, rehabilitation, monitoring, or maintenance for the duration of the contract.

14.9(3) The IPHC is authorized to communicate information about an IPHP participant to the board in the event a participant does not comply with the terms of the contract as set forth in subrule 14.7(2). The IPHC may provide the board with a participant's IPHP file in the event the participant does not comply with the terms of the contract and the IPHC refers the case to the board for the filing of formal disciplinary charges or other appropriate action. If the board initiates disciplinary action against a licensee for noncompliance with the terms of the contract, the board may include information about a licensee's participation in the IPHP in the statement of charges, settlement agreement and final order, or order following hearing. The IPHC is also authorized to communicate information about an IPHP participant to the board in the event the participant is under investigation by the board.

14.9(4) The IPHC is authorized to communicate information about a current or former IPHP participant to the board if reliable information held by the IPHC reasonably indicates a significant risk to the public exists. If the board initiates disciplinary action based upon this information, the board may include information about a licensee's participation in the IPHP in the statement of charges, settlement agreement and final order, or order following hearing if necessary to address impairment issues related to the violations which are the subject of the disciplinary action.

14.9(5) The IPHC shall file with the board a report on board-referred cases upon the licensee's successful completion of the program.

14.9(6) The IPHC shall maintain a participant's complete IPHP file for the ten-year period after a participant's contract has expired or is terminated. After that period, the Executive Summary and contract shall be retained.