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Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) INFORMATION NOTICE 2010-01:

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF MEDICAL PHYSICISTS

Addressees:

All IDPH medical linear accelerator registrants.

Purpose:

The IDPH is issuing this Information Notice to remind medical linear accelerator registrants of the requirement for medical physicists to register annually with the agency.

Description of Circumstances:

This is a reminder that the provisions of Iowa Administrative Code 641-41.3(6), "Training for a radiation therapy physicist," states in part that the physicist "be registered with the agency, under the provision of 641-39.3(3) of these regulations, as a provider of radiation services in the area of calibration and compliance surveys of external beam radiation therapy units."

No linear accelerator quality control checks or patient treatment planning may be performed independently until such time as the physicist is registered with the agency, in accordance with the above rule.

The application form may be found at <u>http://www.idph.state.ia.us/eh/xray_machines.asp</u>. The application needs to be completed and submitted with the appropriate fee and supporting documentation verifying certification under approved medical physics training.

Contact:

This IN requires no specific action or written response. If you have any questions about the information in this notice, please notify this office.

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