

Document: Proposed Rule

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**TITLE 888 INDIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

Proposed Rule
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DIGEST

Amends 888 IAC 1.1-5-1, concerning standards of practice, to amend the term and definition for "veterinary-client-patient relationship". Makes technical changes. Effective 30 days after filing with the secretary of state.

888 IAC 1.1-5-1

SECTION 1. 888 IAC 1.1-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

888 IAC 1.1-5-1 Standards of practice

Authority: IC 15-5-1.1-8

Affected: IC 25-1-9

Sec. 1. A veterinarian may be found guilty of the incompetent practice of veterinary medicine and may be disciplined under IC 25-1-9 if the veterinarian **does any of the following:**

- (1) Fails to maintain written animal health records as defined by section 2 of this rule.
- (2) Dispenses or prescribes drugs or therapy unless a ~~client-veterinary-patient~~ **veterinarian-client-patient** relationship has been established. **As used in this subdivision, "veterinarian-client-patient relationship" means the following:**
 - (A) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the animal and the need for medical treatment, and the client has agreed to follow the veterinarian's instructions.**
 - (B) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal. This means that the veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal by virtue of an examination of the animal, or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept.**
 - (C) The veterinarian is readily available or has arranged for emergency coverage, for follow-up evaluation in the event of adverse reactions or the failure of the treatment regimen.**
- (3) Knowingly provides prescription drugs or access to prescription drugs for use other than in the proper course of veterinary diagnosis or treatment.
- (4) Performs a treatment or procedure ~~which that~~ is beyond the skill or knowledge of the practitioner.
- (5) Permits, delegates, or requires an employed veterinarian to improperly perform the duties of an accredited veterinarian. ~~or~~
- (6) Permits, delegates, or requires an employed veterinarian to perform services ~~which that~~ would constitute a violation of standards provided by this section.

(Indiana Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners; 888 IAC 1.1-5-1; filed Apr 26, 1988, 2:10 p.m.: 11 IR 3046; filed Aug 11, 1989, 1:35 p.m.: 13 IR 86; filed Dec 27, 1993, 9:00 a.m.: 17 IR 1003)

Notice of Public Hearing

Under IC 4-22-2-24, notice is hereby given that on January 31, 2001 at 9:15 a.m., at the Indiana Government Center-South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W041, Board Room, Indianapolis, Indiana the Indiana Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments, concerning standards of practice, to amend the term and definition for "veterinary-client-patient relationship" and to make technical changes. Copies of these rules are now on file at the Indiana Government Center-South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W041 and Legislative Services Agency, One North Capitol, Suite 325, Indianapolis, Indiana and are open for public inspection.

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