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### Hospital Licensing Board to Consider St. Luke's Hospital Petitions

DES MOINES, IOWA – The Iowa Hospital Licensing Board will meet in special session on Thursday, May 11, 2006, beginning at 1:30 p.m., to review and consider the Petition for Rulemaking and the Petition for Declaratory Order filed April 6, 2006, by St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. The Board will meet in Room 320 of the Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA.

The petitions request the Board and the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) to promulgate new hospital licensing rules to permit the licensure of a hospital within a hospital. Iowa law requires the Hospital Licensing Board to consult with and advise the Department in matters of policy affecting the licensing and regulation of hospitals, and in the development of rules and standards.

The Board, also, is required by law to review and approve rules promulgated by the Department prior to the adoption of the rules. [Iowa Code section 135B.11 (2005)] Portions of this meeting of the Hospital Licensing Board may be conducted in closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(c).

No other items are anticipated to be on the Board's agenda.

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*Hospital Licensing Board Special Meeting*

**Note:** Copies of the St. Luke's Hospital petitions may be viewed on the Department's 'Hot Notices' web page at the following Internet address:  
[www.state.ia.us/government/dia/page20.html](http://www.state.ia.us/government/dia/page20.html)