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## INTRODUCING IDFPR'S NEW DEPUTY SECRETARY



Ericka Johnson serves as the Deputy Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“IDFPR”). She is a principal advisor to the Secretary, where she assists in developing and implementing policies, goals, and strategies for the agency’s four divisions.

Prior to this role, Johnson served as Deputy Director of the Division of Real Estate at IDFPR, where she managed and led multiple executive-level projects. Johnson spearheaded the creation of the Division of Real Estate’s “How to Series,” an interactive workshop that tours the state to teach new and diverse candidates how to enter the appraisal profession with the goal of fostering diversity and reducing barriers to licensure.

Johnson also previously served as the Chief of Real Estate Prosecutions at IDFPR, where she led a team of talented attorneys, resulting in a sharp reduction in pending license law violation cases by more than 65%.

Prior to her arrival at IDFPR in 2018, Johnson was a career litigator with over a decade and a half of experience in the courtroom, representing the People of the State of Illinois at the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office.



Johnson earned her Juris Doctor from Northwestern University, Pritzker School of Law (2003) and her Bachelor of Arts in Government, with honors, from The University of Texas at Austin (2000), where she was on the trial team. Johnson is a member of the Illinois State Bar (2003) and the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, General Bar (2003). She is also a member of the Association of Real Estate License Law Officials (“ARELLO”), where she currently serves on the Fair Housing Committee, and is a member of the Association of Appraisal Regulatory Officials (“AARO”).

# INTRODUCING IDFPR'S NEW DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION



Camile Lindsay was appointed Acting Director of the Division of Professional Regulation (DPR) for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation effective October 16, 2023. In this role, Lindsay manages the licensing, enforcement, and oversight of more than a million professionals over 70 professions and more than 200 license types.

Before joining IDFPR, Lindsay served as First Assistant Deputy Governor for infrastructure, public safety, environment, and energy in the Pritzker Administration. Her portfolio included overseeing several Illinois state agencies, including the Department of Transportation, State Police, Department of Corrections, Emergency Management Agency, and the Capital Development Board. Prior to joining the Governor's office, Lindsay served as Chief of Staff and Chief Legal Counsel for the Illinois Department of Corrections. Earlier in her career, she worked as Supervisory Regional Counsel for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Assistant Attorney General for the Illinois Attorney General's office, and Assistant State's Attorney for the Cook County State's Attorney's office.



Lindsay has also completed multiple leadership programs, including Edgar Fellows, Leadership Greater Chicago, Chicago Urban League's Impact Leadership Development Program, and the Chicago Foundation for Women Willie's Warriors program. She is currently Vice-President of the board of directors for Housing Forward, an organization dedicated to eradicating homelessness and is a member of several bar associations.

Lindsay earned her Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign College of Law. In 2022, Lindsay was recognized by the University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice as Alumni of the Year.

# DEA AND HHS EXTEND TELEMEDICINE FLEXIBILITIES THROUGH 2024

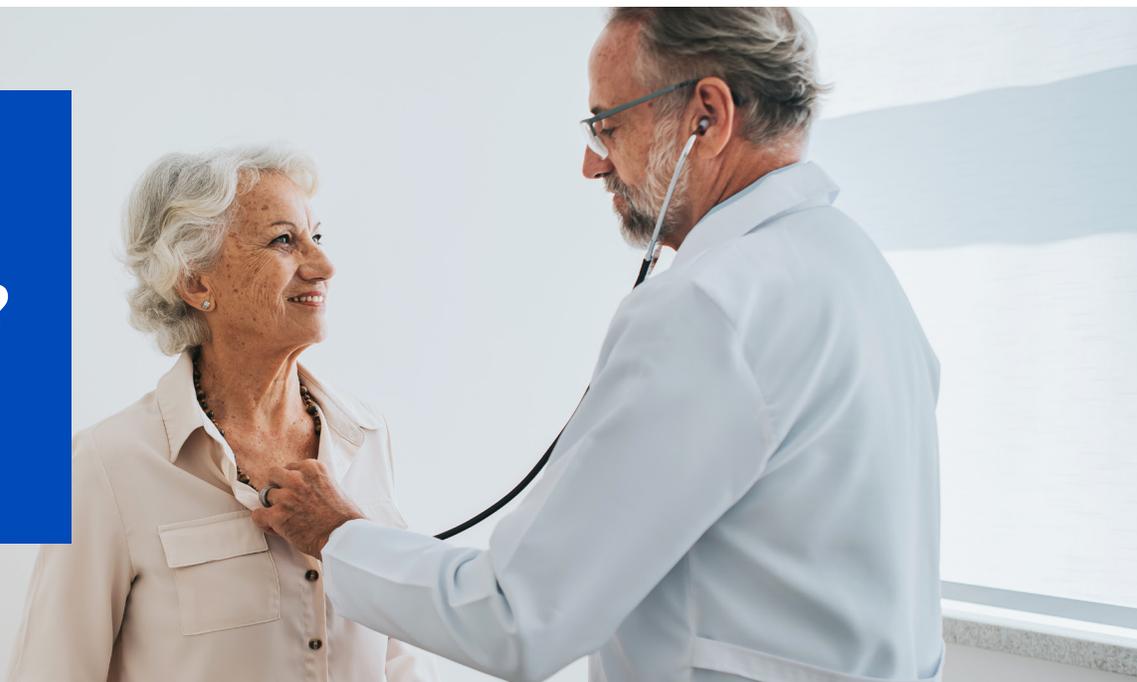
The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration received more than 38,000 comments on its proposed telemedicine rules and recently held two days of public listening sessions related to those rules. They continue to carefully consider the input received and are working to promulgate a final set of telemedicine regulations by the fall of 2024, giving patients and medical practitioners time to plan for, and adapt to, the new rules once issued. Accordingly, the DEA, jointly with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has extended current telemedicine flexibilities through December 31, 2024. The [full text](#) of the extension, entitled “Second Temporary Extension of COVID-19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for Prescription of Controlled Medications,” was submitted to the Federal Register jointly with HHS on September 29.

## Reminder: IDFPR Enforcement Reports Available Online

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation publishes a monthly report detailing disciplinary action taken by the Department. Each disciplinary report lists all licensees disciplined by the Department within a given month. Each enforcement action listed includes the name of the disciplined professional, the city where the licensee is registered, the discipline imposed, and a brief description of the reason for the discipline. All monthly disciplinary reports are accurate on the date of issuance or initial date of publication. However, disciplinary actions may be subject to further court orders that may stay, affirm, reverse, remand or otherwise alter Division disciplinary orders.

Enforcement reports may be found on IDFPR’s website here:  
<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/news/disciplines/discreports.html>

## WHAT IS A MEDICAL CHAPERONE? DO I NEED ONE?



A chaperone is a person who acts as a witness for a patient and a health professional during a medical examination or procedure. A chaperone may be a healthcare professional or a trained unlicensed staff member. This may include medical assistants, nurses, technicians, therapists, residents, and fellows. A chaperone should stand in a location where he or she is able to assist as needed and observe the examination, therapy, or procedure.

The AMA Code of Ethics recommends, in part, notifying patients about chaperone guidelines and always honoring a patient's request to have a chaperone.<sup>1</sup>

To encourage the discussion, and understanding the limitations, here are several ideas to consider for how to handle medical chaperones in your practice:

1. Offer a medical chaperone to any patient undergoing genital, rectal, breast, or full-body skin exams.
2. Provide information explaining chaperones and chaperoned exams when a patient first seeks care at your practice.
3. Document in every patient's chart his or her preference regarding chaperones.
4. Develop chaperone selection criteria that consider issues such as gender and training.
5. Develop practice guidelines that support both the physician and the patient in cases where a patient declines a chaperone, but the physician still feels uncomfortable. These guidelines could allow you to defer the exam to another day or to another physician or chaperone and should reassure the patient that this is standard practice.
6. Document all encounters involving chaperones in the electronic health record, including names, time, and date.

### References:

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# IDFPR MEETS WITH NEW AMA PRESIDENT

Secretary Mario Treto, Jr., Deputy Secretary Ericka Johnson, Acting DPR Director Camile Lindsay, Deputy Director of Statewide Enforcement Samara Cotter, and Chief Medical Coordinator Dr. Shami Goyal welcomed the president of the American Medical Association, Dr. Jesse Ehrenfeld, to our Chicago office on November 1!

Dr. Ehrenfeld began his new role in June and the IDFPR team provided an overview of the professions and industries we license and oversee, along with discussing healthcare professional licensing.



## REMINDER TO UPDATE EMAIL AND HOME ADDRESSES

A friendly reminder to all temporary and permanent physician and surgeon permit holders and licensees to please update and keep current your email and home addresses with the Department. This is a mandatory requirement and is crucial to the Department's ability to get in contact with you should the need arise. The Statute requires licensees and permit holders to provide an address of record and email address of record with the Department, and inform the Department of any change of address of record or email address of record within 14 days after such change, either through the Department's website or by contacting the Department's Licensure Maintenance Unit (LMU) in accordance with [225 ILCS 60/2.5](#).

Check and update your addresses by logging into your account on IDFPR's online portal here: <https://online-dfpr.micropact.com/>.

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