

# The Whole Field of Health Care: Holistic & Conventional Approaches



This diagram represents the whole field of health care, which encompasses all healing systems and individual approaches.

Modalities in the inner circle represent those health care options that pose significant risk of harm, either directly or through their side effects.

Modalities in the outer circle represent those healing arts options that are generally natural, holistic, and pose no significant risk of harm to the public. Historically, unlicensed persons have provided these types of health care.

# The Problem: Limitation of Access to Health Care Imposed by Licensure



This diagram illustrates that Iowa's current health professions practice acts are written so broadly that they encompass the ENTIRE field of health care. They require licensure of all health care providers regardless of whether the methods they employ involve significant risk of harm or not.

This has effectively suppressed the activities of many knowledgeable and skilled but unlicensed persons who cannot offer their healing arts services in Iowa without violating the law. To obtain a license, a person must take lengthy and expensive training that may contribute little to their ability to provide their service effectively or safely.

# Proposed Solution: The Iowa Access to Wellness Act



In order to protect Iowans' freedom to access the full range of healing arts options, the "Iowa Access to Wellness Act" (IAWA) allows non-licensed persons to provide healing arts services so long as they conform with the disclosure requirements and do not engage in certain prohibited, inherently risky acts.

The IAWA protects the public by mandating certain prohibitions and disclosures by unlicensed providers (see reverse side). No additional governing body will be created; therefore, no additional administrative costs will be incurred by the State of Iowa. Enforcement provisions will be effected by existing laws.