



Maryland Board of Physicians

Annual Report

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**Maryland Board of Physicians
Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Annual Reporting Requirements**

Pursuant to the Health Occupations Article (H.O.), Md. Code Annotated, §14-205.1 and Chapters 612 and 613, Acts of 2020, information regarding the operations of the Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Board”) as outlined in items 1 through 18 below is provided as follows:

1. The number of new complaints¹ investigated for physicians, allied health practitioners, and unlicensed individuals:

- 1,018 complaints

2. The number of complaints that remain open as of June 30 of the immediately preceding fiscal year at the Board and at the Office of the Attorney General:

Open Complaints as of June 30	Total
Board	70
Office of the Attorney General, Prosecutor’s Office	66
Office of the Attorney General, Board Counsel	0

3. The three most common grounds for complaints:

- Disciplinary Ground §14-404(a)(3)(ii), is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;
 - 263 allegations of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine.
- Disciplinary Ground §14-404(a)(22), fails to meet appropriate standards as determined by appropriate peer review of the delivery of quality medical and surgical care performed in an outpatient surgical facility, office, hospital, or any other location in this State;
 - 300 allegations of failure to meet the standard of care.
- Disciplinary Ground §14-404(a)(40), fails to keep adequate medical records as determined by appropriate peer review;
 - 40 allegations of failure to keep adequate medical records.

¹ All complaints received by the Board do not result in an investigation (for example, complaints against other providers licensed by other boards, complaints against facilities, or those where the Board lacks jurisdiction).

4. The three most common sources of the 1,018 complaints received:

Common Sources of Complaints Received	Total
Patients/Family	561
Board (through the application process) Practitioner Self-Reporting - 12 Renewal Applications - 3 Initial Application Referrals - 128 (AH-87; Phys Lic-41)	143
Criminal History Records Check (CHRC)	53

5. The number and types of disciplinary and administrative actions taken by the Board are provided in Tables A through C on pages three and four:

Table A
Disciplinary Actions Summarized by Practitioner Category and by Type of Action

Disciplinary Actions	Allied Health (Excludes Physician Assistants)	Physicians	Physician Assistants	Unlicensed Individuals	Facility	Grand Total
Disciplinary Actions (Type of Action)						
Administrative	3	11	2	2	7	25
Loss of License	8	52	0	0	0	60
Non-Prejudicial	8	50	6	1	7	72
Other Prejudicial	5	8	1	3	0	17
Restriction of License	6	32	6	0	0	44
Disciplinary Actions Total	30	153	15	6	14	218

Table B
Fines Summarized by Practitioner Category and by Type of Action

Fines Imposed	Allied Health (Excludes Physician Assistants)	Physicians	Physician Assistants	Unlicensed Individuals	Facility	Grand Total
Administrative Fines	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00
Civil Penalty Fines	\$6,750.00	\$136,000.00	\$8,750.00	\$31,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$185,500.00
CME Fines	\$0.00	\$9,675.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,475.00
Unlicensed Practitioner Fines	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00 ²
Total Fines	\$7,750.00	\$146,675.00	\$9,550.00	\$32,500.00	\$7,000.00	\$203,475.00

Table C
Summary of Non-Disciplinary Actions

Non-Disciplinary Actions	Preliminary Investigations	Full Investigations
Advisory Letters	310	31

6. The total number of cases referred to peer review:

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7. The chart below provides a summary of the cases referred to peer review³:

Number of Cases Referred to Peer Review	Total
Peer review cases that resulted in total disagreement	1
Peer review cases that resulted in charges being issued	6
Peer review cases that resulted in closure or closure with an advisory letter or closure with an advisory letter	8

² Note: Fines are assessed and may be paid over multiple fiscal years. If collected, the \$32,500.00 for unlicensed individuals will be paid to the Board and the remainder of the fines assessed to licensees will be paid to the State's General Fund.

³ The number of cases referred to peer review may not necessarily equal the number of completed cases in the same fiscal year.

8. The number of cases not completed within 18 months by the Board:

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8a. The reason(s) for the failure to complete the case(s) in 18 months:

- Lack of cooperation from law enforcement.

8b. The chart below provides a summary of the 7 cases forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) that are greater than 18 months old:

Board Cases Over 18 Months at OAG	Total
Board	1
OAG, Prosecutor's Office	7
OAG, Board Counsel's Office	0

9. The total number of all active licensees for both physicians and allied health practitioners:

Active Licensees	Total
Allied Health Practitioners / License Prefix	
Athletic Trainers (A)	722
Genetic Counselors (G)	362
Physician Assistants (C)	5,056
Naturopathic Doctors (J)	61
Radiologist Assistants (K)	7
Respiratory Care Practitioners (L)	2,852
Radiation Therapist/Radiographers (M)	28
Nuclear Medicine Technologists (N)	546
Radiation Therapists (O)	414
Radiographers (R)	5,568
Perfusionists-Basic (B)	1
Perfusionists-Advanced (Y)	154
Polysomnographic Technologists (Z)	330
Psychiatrist Assistants (S)	4

Allied Health Practitioners-continued	Total
Supervised Genetic Counselors	6
Total Active Allied Health Practitioners	16,111
Active Physicians / License Prefix	Total
Physicians, M.D. (D)	35,070
Physicians, D.O. (H)	2,515
Total Active Physicians	37,585
Grand Total Physicians and Allied Health Practitioners	53,695

10. The number of initial, renewal, and reinstatement licenses issued for physicians and allied health practitioners:

Practitioner Type	Initial	Reinstatement	Renewal	Total Licenses Issued
Total Physicians	2,932	350	15,474	18,756
Allied Health Practitioners				
Athletic Trainers	86	22	639	747
Genetic Counselors	362	0	0	362
Physician Assistants	505	38	0	543
Radiologic Technologists	250	90	0	340
Respiratory Care Practitioners	117	30	2,815	2,962
Polysomnographic Technologists	6	11	0	17
Perfusionists	11	0	148	159
Psychiatrist Assistants	0	0	4	4
Naturopathic Doctors	8	1	57	66
Supervised Genetic Counselors	6	0	0	6
Total Allied Health Practitioners	1,351	192	3,086	4,629
Total Physician and Allied Health Practitioners	4,286	542	18,560	23,385

11. Additional workload statistics for the Board:

Workload Statistics	Total
Drug Dispensing Permits	
Active drug dispensing permits	560
Renewed drug dispensing permits	57
New drug dispensing permits	106

Verification of Licensure	
Number of license verifications processed	5,511
Credentials for Licensure	
Number of credentials processed	4,267

Public Information Act (PIA) Requests	
PIA requests processed	182

Athletic Trainers	
Number of new Evaluation and Treatment (E & T) Protocols processed	191
Number of E & T Protocols terminated	252
Total number of active E & T Protocols	937

Physician Assistant Delegation Agreements (DAs)	
Number of DAs processed	1,811
Number of DAs terminated	1,461
Total number of active DAs	7,162
Advanced duties addendums processed	174
Number of Physician Assistants with delegated authority to dispense prescription medication	CDS-88 Non-CDS-141

Board Emails Received and Processed	
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's main customer service email account	4,794
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's drug dispensing email account	900
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's IMLC email account	780
Number of emails received in the Board's CHRC email account	16,618

12. The number of positive and negative Criminal History Records Checks results received for physicians, allied health, and unlicensed practitioners:

Practitioner Type	Positive	Negative	Total Processed
Athletic Trainers	3	224	227
Physicians-D.O.	10	519	529
Genetic Counselor	3	729	732
Naturopathic Doctors	0	7	7
Nuclear Medicine Technologists	3	52	55
Perfusionists-Advanced	0	7	7
Perfusionists-Basic	0	1	1
Physicians-M.D.	65	4,469	4,534
Physician Assistants	13	759	772
Polysomnographic Technologists	1	8	9
Radiation Therapists	6	70	76
Radiographers	37	508	545
Respiratory Care Practitioners	20	245	265
Supervised Genetic Counselor	0	3	3
Unlicensed (applicants)	2	240	242
Total of CHRCs Processed	163	7,841	8,004

13. The number of individuals denied initial or renewal licensure due to positive Criminal History Records Check results:

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14. The number of individuals denied initial, renewal, or reinstatement licensure due to reasons other than a positive Criminal History Records Check:

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15. Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC):

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) Statistics – FY 2024	
Number of letters of qualification issued to Maryland licensees in FY2024	394
Number of Maryland licensees approved for licensure through the Compact in FY2024	758
Number of renewed Compact physician licenses (out of 765 eligible) in FY2024	536
IMLC Statistics - From 2019 to Present	
Total number of Letters of Qualification issued by the Board since July 2019	1,311
Total number of renewed Compact physician licenses since July 2019	1,300
Total number of licenses issued through the IMLC since July 2019 (may include retractions)	2,375

16. Physician Licensure by Reciprocity with D.C. and Virginia:

Reciprocity Statistics	
Licenses issued in Maryland to D.C. licensees Physicians, M.D. -140 Physicians, D.O. - 24	164
Licenses issued in Maryland to Virginia licensees Physicians, M.D. - 162 Physicians, D.O. - 36	198
Total Licenses issued by Reciprocity	362

17. Physician Licensure by Endorsement:

Endorsement Statistics	
Physicians, M.D.	173
Physicians, D.O.	26
Total Licenses issued by Endorsement	199

18. Emeritus Licensure Status (Beginning 10/1/2023):

Emeritus Status Statistics	
Physicians, M.D.	60
Physicians, D.O.	0
Total Approved Emeritus Status Applications	60