



Maryland Board of Physicians

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2025

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**Maryland Board of Physicians
Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Annual Reporting Requirements**

Pursuant to the Health Occupations Article (H.O.), Md. Code Annotated, § 14-205.1, information regarding the operations of the Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Board”) as outlined in items 1 through 20 below is provided as follows:

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

- 860 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	77
Office of the Attorney General, Prosecutor’s Office	49
Office of the Attorney General, Board Counsel	1

3. The three most common grounds for complaints:

- 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;
 - 329 allegations of failure to meet the standard of care.
- Disciplinary Ground §14-404(a)(3)(ii), is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;
 - 273 allegations of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine.
- Disciplinary Ground §14-404(a)(40), fails to keep adequate medical records as determined by appropriate peer review;
 - 54 allegations of failure to keep adequate medical records.

¹ All complaints received by the Board do not result in an investigation such as 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 860 complaints received:

Common Sources of Complaints Received	Total
Patients/Family	501
Board (through the application process) Practitioner Self-Reporting - 7 Renewal Applications - 2 Initial Application Referrals - 122 (AH-55; Phys Lic-67)	131
Anonymous	28

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

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	10	7	0	1	7	25
Loss of License	0	36	4	0	0	40
Non-Prejudicial	18	71	7	3	7	106
Other Prejudicial	4	15	1	6	0	26
Restriction of License	3	35	2	0	0	40
Disciplinary Actions Total	35	164	14	10	14	237

Table B
Summary of Non-Disciplinary Actions

Non-Disciplinary Actions	Preliminary Investigations	Full Investigations
Advisory Letters	184	77

Table C
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	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Civil Penalty Fines	\$7,000.00	\$110,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$40,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$166,000.00
CME Fines	\$4,100.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,100.00
Unlicensed Practitioner Fines	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Fines	\$11,100.00	\$123,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$40,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$182,600.00

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

- 33

7. The chart below provides a summary of the cases referred to peer review²:

Number of Cases Referred to Peer Review	Total
Peer review cases that resulted in total disagreement	2
Peer review cases that resulted in charges being issued	2
Peer review cases that resulted in closure or closure with an advisory letter or closure with an advisory letter	18

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

- 0

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

- N/A

8b. The chart below provides a summary of the 9 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	0
OAG, Prosecutor's Office	8
OAG, Board Counsel's Office	1

² The number of cases referred to peer review may not necessarily equal the number of completed cases in the same fiscal year.

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)	841
Genetic Counselors (G)	454
Physician Assistants (C)	4,995
Naturopathic Doctors (J)	63
Radiologist Assistants (K)	7
Respiratory Care Practitioners (L)	3,058
Radiation Therapist/Radiographers (M)	26
Nuclear Medicine Technologists (N)	521
Radiation Therapists (O)	404
Radiographers (R)	5,465
Perfusionists-Basic (B)	8
Perfusionists-Advanced (Y)	162
Polysomnographic Technologists (Z)	299
Psychiatrist Assistants (S)	4
Supervised Genetic Counselors (U)	6
Limited X-Ray Machine Operators (E)	5
Total Active Allied Health Practitioners	16,317

Active Physicians / License Prefix	Total
Physicians, M.D. (D)	36,164
Physicians, D.O. (H)	2,728
Total Active Physicians	38,892
Grand Total Physicians and Allied Health Practitioners	55,209

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	3,257	401	18,690	22,348
Allied Health Practitioners				
Athletic Trainers	108	10	0	118
Genetic Counselors	92	0	0	92
Physician Assistants	557	27	4,891	5,475
Radiologic Technologists	489	105	6,159	6,753
Respiratory Care Practitioners	160	46	0	206
Polysomnographic Technologists	11	3	297	311
Perfusionists	14	1	0	15
Psychiatrist Assistants	0	0	0	0
Naturopathic Doctors	2	0	0	2
Supervised Genetic Counselors	5	0	0	5
Limited X-Ray Machine Operators	5	0	0	5
Total Allied Health Practitioners	1443	192	11,347	12,982
Total Physician and Allied Health Practitioners	4,700	593	30,037	35,330

11. Additional workload statistics for the Board:

Workload Statistics	Total
Drug Dispensing Permits	
Active drug dispensing permits	556
Renewed drug dispensing permits	54
New drug dispensing permits	110

Verification of Licensure	
Number of license verifications processed	4,528
Credentials for Licensure	
Number of credentials processed	4,457

Public Information Act (PIA) Requests	
PIA requests processed	180

Athletic Trainers	
Number of new Evaluation and Treatment (E & T) Protocols processed	135
Number of E & T Protocols terminated	43
Total number of active E & T Protocols	999

Physician Assistant Delegation Agreements (DAs)- ended 9/30/2024	
Number of DAs processed	468
Number of DAs terminated	1,782
Total number of active DAs	5,474
Advanced duties addendums processed	91
Number of Physician Assistants with delegated authority to dispense prescription medication	CDS-36 Non-CDS-56
Physician Assistant Notice of Collaboration Agreements (NCAs)- began 10/1/2024	
Number of NCAs processed	1,375
Number of NCAs terminated	156
Total number of active NCAs	1,196
Number of Physician Assistants with prescriptive authority	1,319

Board Emails Received and Processed	
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's main customer service email account	3,490
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's drug dispensing email account	2,300
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's IMLC email account	1,917
Number of emails received in the Board's CHRC email account	16,401
Number of emails received in the Board's Intake email account	4,679
Number of emails received in the Board's Fiscal email account	2,119

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	200	203
Physicians-D.O.	5	600	605
Genetic Counselor	1	162	163
Limited X-Ray Machine Operator	1	9	10
Naturopathic Doctors	0	3	3
Nuclear Medicine Technologists	4	66	70
Perfusionists-Advanced	0	5	5
Perfusionists-Basic	0	9	9
Physicians-M.D.	53	5,691	5,744
Physician Assistants	8	1,097	1,105
Polysomnographic Technologists	1	28	29
Radiation Therapists	7	73	80
Radiographers	28	839	867

Practitioner Type-continued	Positive	Negative	Total Processed
Radiologist Assistant	0	2	2
Respiratory Care Practitioners	11	318	329
Supervised Genetic Counselor	0	4	4
Unlicensed (applicants)	2	194	196
Total of CHRCs Processed	124	9,300	9,424

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

- 0

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

Reciprocity Statistics	
Licenses issued in Maryland to D.C. licensees Physicians, M.D. -180 Physicians, D.O. - 6	186
Licenses issued in Maryland to Virginia licensees Physicians, M.D. - 153 Physicians, D.O. - 27	180
Total Licenses Issued by Reciprocity	366

16. Expedited Physician Licensure by Endorsement:

Endorsement Statistics	
Physicians, M.D.	148
Physicians, D.O.	19
Total Licenses issued by Endorsement	167

17. Expedited Physician Assistant Licensure:

Statistics (as of 8/15/2024)	
Endorsement	29
Reciprocity	7
Total Licenses Issued by Expedited Licensure	36

18. Expedited Naturopathic Doctor Licensure:

Statistics (FY19 to present)	
Reciprocity	1
Total Licenses issued by Expedited Licensure	14

19. Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC):

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) Statistics - FY 2025	
Number of letters of qualification issued to Maryland licensees in FY2025	548
Number of Maryland licensees approved for licensure through the Compact in FY2025	925
Number of renewed Compact physician licenses (out of 1,184 eligible) in FY2025	912
IMLC Statistics - From 2019 to Present	
Total number of Letters of Qualification issued by the Board since July 2019	1,859
Total number of renewed Compact physician licenses since July 2019	2,212
Total number of licenses issued through the IMLC since July 2019 (may include retractions)	3,300
Total number of licenses issued through the IMLC since July 2019 that have been converted.	145

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

Emeritus Status Statistics	
New Physicians, M.D./D.O.	49
Active Emeritus Status	123
Total New Approved Emeritus Status Applications	49