



Maryland Board of Physicians

Annual Report

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**Maryland Board of Physicians
Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 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:

- 1,333 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	94
Office of the Attorney General, Prosecutor’s Office	48
Office of the Attorney General, Board Counsel	2

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 for the delivery of quality medical and surgical care performed in an outpatient surgical facility, office, hospital, or any other location in this State;
 - 347 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;
 - 409 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;
 - 46 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 1,333 complaints received (88%):

Common Sources of Complaints Received	Total
Patients/Family	985
Board (through the application process) Practitioner Self-Reporting - 8 Renewal Applications - 30 Initial Application Referrals - 90 (AH-45; Phys Lic-45) Criminal History Records Checks (CHRCs) - 41	169
Anonymous	20

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	4	3	0	1	4	12
Loss of License	9	35	3	0	0	47
Non-Prejudicial	8	43	4	1	4	60
Other Prejudicial	4	19	0	2	0	25
Restriction of License	5	35	2	0	0	42
Disciplinary Actions Total	30	135	9	4	8	186

Table B
Summary of Non-Disciplinary Actions

Non-Disciplinary Actions	Preliminary Investigations	Full Investigations
Advisory Letters	219	47

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	\$2,500.00	\$0,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Civil Penalty Fines	\$4,250.00	\$149,400.00	\$16,000.00	\$0,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$173,150.00
CME Fines	\$1,600.00	\$5,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,300.00
Unlicensed Practitioner Fines	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Total Fines	\$8,350.00	\$155,100.00	\$16,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$187,950.00

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

- 15

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 (incl. 4 Pending charges)	6
Peer review cases that resulted in closure or closure with an advisory letter or closure with an advisory letter	5

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:

- The cases have been referred to the Office of the Attorney General.

8b. The chart below provides a summary of the 5 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	2
OAG, Board Counsel's Office	3

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)	812
Genetic Counselors (G)	481
Physician Assistants (C)	5,640
Naturopathic Doctors (J)	58
Radiologist Assistants (K)	16
Respiratory Care Practitioners (L)	2,824
Radiation Therapist/Radiographers (M)	26
Nuclear Medicine Technologists (N)	556
Radiation Therapists (O)	440
Radiographers (R)	5,946
Perfusionists-Basic (B)	10
Perfusionists-Advanced (Y)	142
Polysomnographic Technologists (Z)	324
Psychiatrist Assistants (S)	4
Supervised Genetic Counselors (U)	3
Limited X-Ray Machine Operators (E)	18
Total Active Allied Health Practitioners	17,300

Active Physicians / License Prefix	
Physicians, M.D. (D)	37,282
Physicians, D.O. (H)	3,045
Total Active Physicians	40,327
Grand Total Physicians and Allied Health Practitioners	57,627

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	3,258	348	16,421	20,027
Allied Health Practitioners				
Athletic Trainers	98	10	733	841
Genetic Counselors	76	2	446	524
Physician Assistants	590	58	0	648
Radiologic Technologists	485	76	0	561
Respiratory Care Practitioners	138	24	2,759	2,921
Polysomnographic Technologists	17	8	0	25
Perfusionists	24	2	123	149
Psychiatrist Assistants	0	0	4	4
Naturopathic Doctors	4	2	56	62
Supervised Genetic Counselors	3	0	0	3
Limited X-Ray Machine Operators	14	0	0	14
Total Allied Health Practitioners	1,449	182	4,121	5,752
Total Physician and Allied Health Practitioners	4,707	530	20,542	25,779

11. Additional workload statistics for the Board:

Workload Statistics	Total
Drug Dispensing Permits	
Active drug dispensing permits	689
Renewed drug dispensing permits	70
New drug dispensing permits	141

Verification of Licensure	
Number of license verifications processed	4,198
Credentials for Licensure	
Number of credentials processed	3,182

Public Information Act (PIA) Requests	
PIA requests processed	186

Athletic Trainers	
Number of new Evaluation and Treatment (E & T) Protocols processed	136
Number of E & T Protocols terminated	155
Total number of active E & T Protocols	983

Physician Assistant Delegation Agreements (DAs)- ended 9/30/2024	
Number of DAs processed	0
Number of DAs terminated	1,138
Total number of active DAs	4,897
Advanced duties addendums processed	37
Number of Physician Assistants with delegated authority to dispense prescription medication	CDS-197 Non-CDS-310
Physician Assistant Notice of Collaboration Agreements (NCAs)- began 10/1/2024	
Number of NCAs processed	1,992
Number of NCAs terminated	217
Total number of active NCAs	3,071
Total number of Physician Assistants with prescriptive authority	2,952
Number of Physician Assistants with prescriptive authority in FY26	1,899

Board Emails Received and Processed	
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's main customer service email account	3,392
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's drug dispensing email account	1,270
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's IMLC email account	5,801
Number of emails received in the Board's CHRC email account	16,393
Number of emails received in the Board's Intake email account	7,355
Number of emails received in the Board's Fiscal email account	1,750

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	6	194	200
Physicians-D.O.	11	710	721
Genetic Counselor	3	134	137
Limited X-Ray Machine Operator	7	19	26
Naturopathic Doctors	0	4	4
Nuclear Medicine Technologists	6	60	66
Perfusionists-Advanced	2	30	32
Perfusionists-Basic	0	6	6
Physicians-M.D.	62	5,270	5,332
Physician Assistants	13	1,244	1,257
Polysomnographic Technologists	1	21	22
Radiation Therapists	4	64	68
Radiographers	47	894	941

Practitioner Type-continued	Positive	Negative	Total Processed
Radiologist Assistant	1	6	7
Respiratory Care Practitioners	25	274	299
Supervised Genetic Counselor	0	3	3
Unlicensed (applicants)	0	145	145
Total of CHRCs Processed	188	9,078	9,266

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. - 156 Physicians, D.O. - 12	168
Licenses issued in Maryland to Virginia licensees Physicians, M.D. - 110 Physicians, D.O. - 22	132
Total Licenses Issued by Reciprocity	300

16. Expedited Physician Licensure by Endorsement:

Endorsement Statistics	
Physicians, M.D.	148
Physicians, D.O.	16
Total Licenses issued by Endorsement	164

17. Expedited Physician Assistant Licensure:

Statistics (as of 8/15/2024)	
Endorsement	37
Reciprocity	13
Total Licenses Issued by Expedited Licensure	50

18. Expedited Naturopathic Doctor Licensure:

Statistics (FY19 to present)	
Reciprocity	1
Total Licenses issued by Expedited Licensure	15

19. Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC):

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) Statistics - FY 2026	
Number of letters of qualification approved for Maryland licensees	628
Number of letters of qualification denied to Maryland licensees	86
Total number of letters of qualification issued to Maryland licensees	714
Number of Maryland licensees approved for licensure through the Compact out of 1,186 applications (89 denied/withdrawn)	1,109
Number of renewed Compact physician licenses (out of 1,276 eligible)	969
IMLC Statistics - From 2019 to Present	
Total number of letters of qualification issued by the Board since July 2019	2,487
Total number of renewed Compact physician licenses since July 2019	3,181
Total number of licenses issued through the IMLC since July 2019 (may include retractions)	4,409
Total number of licenses issued through the IMLC since July 2019 that have been converted ³ .	215

³ Licenses are converted when the physician no longer meets the qualifications under the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

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

Emeritus Status Statistics	
New Physicians, M.D./D.O.	55
Active Emeritus Status	164
Total New Approved Emeritus Status Applications	219