



# Board of Nursing

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

October 29, 2020

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
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The Honorable Bill Ferguson  
President  
Senate of Maryland  
State House, H-107  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
Speaker  
Maryland House of Delegates  
State House, H-101  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Robert R. Neall  
Secretary of Health  
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In Re: Board of Nursing Annual Report  
Health Occupations Article, § 8-205 (a)(8),  
Annotated Code of Maryland

Dear Governor, President, House Speaker, and Secretary:

The Board of Nursing submits the following annual report for Fiscal Year 2020, as required by the Health Occupations Article, § 8-205(a)(8), Annotated Code of Maryland. All renewal numbers are from the biennial renewal year.

### **Initial and Renewal Licenses and Certificates Issued by the Board**

#### Initial Licenses

Registered Nurses.....	4,737
Licensed Practical Nurses.....	558
Licensed Electrologists.....	2
Licensed Direct-entry Midwives .....	7

Total..... 5,304

#### Initial Certificates

Certified Nursing Assistants.....	7,534
Certified Medication Technicians .....	6,854

Total..... 14,388

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Renewal Licenses

Registered Nurses..... 36,949  
Licensed Practical Nurses..... 4,820  
Licensed Electrologists..... 52  
Licensed Electrologists Instructor..... 1  
Licensed Direct-entry Midwives ..... 15  
(Licensing started in January, 2017)

Total..... 41,837

Renewal Certificates

Certified Nursing Assistants..... 22,810  
Certified Medication Technicians ..... 10,193

Total..... 38,668

**Criminal History Record Checks**

Positive Criminal History Record Check.....360  
Negative History Record Checks..... 24,797

Total..... 25,157

**Denial of Licenses and Certificates**

Positive Criminal History Record Check..... 1  
Denial for other reasons..... 2  
Total..... 3

**Complaints**

Received..... 1,036  
Total Open Complaints (includes backlog) ... 5,734  
(At end of FY 2020)

**Most Common Grounds for Complaints**

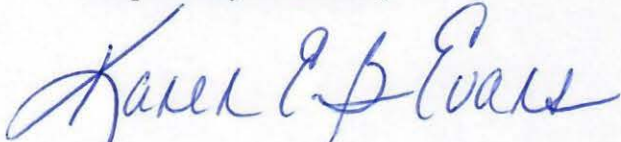
Abandonment/Neglect ..... 22.5%  
Standards of Practice..... 22%  
Abuse ..... 13%  
Diversion/Substance Abuse .....9.5%

**Number and types of disciplinary action taken by the Board**

Suspensions (not for child support) .....38  
Suspensions (for non-payment of child  
Support)..... 271  
Revocation..... 28  
Reprimand..... 32  
Probation..... 24  
Denial of License or Certificate ..... 3  
Surrender of license for violations..... 43

**End of Report**

Respectfully submitted,



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