



# Maryland Board of Physicians

## Annual Report Fiscal Year 2022

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**Maryland Board of Physicians  
Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Annual Reporting Requirements**

Pursuant to the Health Occupations Article (H.O.), Md. Code Annotated, § 1-212, 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 14 below is provided as follows:

**1. The number of new complaints<sup>1</sup> investigated for physicians, allied health practitioners, and unlicensed individuals:**

- 752 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	75
Office of the Attorney General, Prosecutor’s Office	51
Office of the Attorney General, Board Counsel	3

**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;
  - 345 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;
  - 240 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;
  - 55 allegations of failure to keep adequate medical records.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 out of the 752 complaints received:

Common Sources of Complaints Received	Total
Patients/Family	444
Board (through the application process) Renewal Applications - 34 Initial Application Referrals - 65	99
Criminal History Records Check (CHRC)	19

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

Table A

FY2022 Disciplinary and Administrative 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
Loss of License (Type of Action)						
Denials	2	1	0	9	0	12
Revocation	3	3	0	0	0	6
Summary Suspension	1	7	0	0	0	8
Summary Suspension Affirmed	1	7	0	0	0	8
Suspension	3	13	1	0	0	17
Surrender of License	3	8	1	0	0	12
<b>Loss of License Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>

**Table B**

**FY2022 Disciplinary and Administrative Actions Summarized by Practitioner Category and by Type of Action**

<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>	<b>Allied Health (Excludes Physician Assistants)</b>	<b>Physicians</b>	<b>Physician Assistants</b>	<b>Unlicensed Individuals</b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Restriction of License (Type of Action)</b>						
Licensed with Probation or Conditions	0	2	0	0	0	2
Reinstatement with Probation or Conditions	2	0	1	0	0	3
Reprimand with Conditions Only	1	17	2	0	0	20
Reprimand with Probation and Conditions	1	28	1	0	0	30
Suspension Terminated - Imposition of Probation with Terms and Conditions	2	6	0	0	0	8
Probation	0	0	1	0	0	1
Probation with Terms and Conditions	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Restriction of License Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65</b>

**Table C**

**FY2022 Disciplinary and Administrative 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
Other Prejudicial Action (Type of Action)						
Cease and Desist	0	4	1	4	0	9
Licensed with Reprimand	1	0	0	0	0	1
Reprimand	0	7	0	0	0	7
CDS Prescribing Restriction Only	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Other Prejudicial Action Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>

**Table D**

**FY2022 Disciplinary and Administrative 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
Non-Prejudicial Action (Type of Action)						
Dismissal	0	2	0	0	0	2
Termination Order	2	13	1	6	3	25
Termination Order - Reprimand Remains	9	46	2	0	0	57
<b>Non-Prejudicial Action Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>84</b>



**Table E**

**FY2022 Disciplinary and Administrative Actions Summarized by Practitioner Category and by Type of Action**

<b>Administrative Actions</b>	<b>Allied Health (Excludes Physician Assistants)</b>	<b>Physicians</b>	<b>Physician Assistants</b>	<b>Unlicensed Individuals</b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Administrative - Non-Disciplinary (Type of Action)</b>						
CME	0	1	0	0	0	1
Fine Only	1	0	0	5	2	8
<b>Administrative Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Grand Total Disciplinary and Administrative Actions (Tables A – E)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>239</b>

**Table F**

**FY2022 Fines Imposed with Disciplinary Actions Summarized by Practitioner Category and Type of Action**

<b>Fines Imposed with Disciplinary Actions</b>	<b>Allied Health (Excludes Physician Assistants)</b>	<b>Physicians</b>	<b>Physician Assistants</b>	<b>Unlicensed Individuals</b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Civil Penalty Fines	\$1,000.00	\$184,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$188,500.00
<b>Total Fines through Disciplinary Actions</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$184,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$188,500.00</b>

**Table G**

**FY2022 Administrative Fines Imposed Summarized by Practitioner Category and Type of Fine**

Administrative Fines Assessed	Allied Health (Excludes Physician Assistants)	Physicians	Physician Assistants	Unlicensed Individuals	Facility	Grand Total
Civil Penalty Fines	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$7,000.00
CME Fines	\$0.00	\$4,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,625.00
Unlicensed Practitioner Fines	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$121,500.00	\$0.00	\$121,500.00 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total Administrative Fines</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,625.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$121,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$133,125.00</b>

**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 review<sup>3</sup>:**

Number of Cases Referred to Peer Review	Total
Peer review cases that resulted in total disagreement	3
Peer review cases that resulted in charges being issued	10
Peer review cases that resulted in closure or closure with an advisory letter	10

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

- 1

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

- The investigation has been significantly delayed due to the employer's failure to comply with the Board's subpoena.

<sup>2</sup> Note: Fines are assessed and may be paid over multiple fiscal years. Once collected, the \$121,500.00 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.

<sup>3</sup> The number of cases referred will not equal the number of cases resolved due to the overlap of fiscal years.

8b. The chart below provides a summary of the 27 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	23
OAG, Board Counsel's Office	3

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

Active Licensees	Total
Allied Health Practitioners / License Prefix	
Athletic Trainers (A)	720
Physician Assistants (C)	4,610
Naturopathic Doctors (J)	53
Radiologist Assistants (K)	5
Respiratory Care Practitioners (L)	2,897
Radiation Therapist/Radiographers (M)	32
Nuclear Medicine Technologists (N)	568
Radiation Therapists (O)	396
Radiographers (R)	5,801
Perfusionists-Basic (B)	3
Perfusionists-Advanced (Y)	138
Polysomnographic Technologists (Z)	372
Psychiatrist Assistants (S)	5
<b>Total Active Allied Health Practitioners</b>	<b>15,600</b>



<b>Active Licensees - <i>continued</i></b>	<b>Total</b>
Physicians, M.D.	33,089
Physicians, D.O.	1,973
<b>Total Active Physicians</b>	<b>35,062</b>
<b>Grand Total Physicians and Allied Health Practitioners</b>	<b>50,662</b>

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

<b>Practitioner Type</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>Reinstatement</b>	<b>Renewal</b>	<b>Total Licenses Issued</b>
<b>Total Physicians</b>	<b>2,907</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>14,416</b>	<b>17,588</b>
<b>Allied Health Practitioners</b>				
Athletic Trainers	78	7	0	85
Physician Assistants	490	50	1	541
Radiologic Technologists	413	88	0	501
Respiratory Care Practitioners	292	43	2,785	3,120
Polysomnographic Technologists	11	3	0	14
Perfusionists	28	2	122	152
Psychiatrist Assistants	0	0	5	5
Naturopathic Doctors	7	0	50	57
<b>Total Allied Health Practitioners</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>2,963</b>	<b>4,475</b>
<b>Total Physician and Allied Health Practitioners</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>17,379</b>	<b>22,063</b>

**11. Additional workload statistics including the number of Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) licenses, drug dispensing permits, collaborative agreements, license verifications, credentials, and email inquiries processed, and on file with the Board:**

<b>Workload Statistics</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>IMLC Licensure</b>	
Letters of Qualification	198
Total number of Letters of Qualification issued by the Board since 07/2019	502
Number of renewed Compact physician licenses (out of 542)	412
Total number of renewed Compact physician licenses since 7/2019 (2019=14, 2020=121, 2021=191, 2022=412, total=738)	738
Licenses issued via IMLC	472
Total number of licenses issued through the IMLC since 7/2019 (may include retractions)	945

<b>Drug Dispensing Permits</b>	
Active drug dispensing permits	624
Renewed drug dispensing permits	117
New drug dispensing permits	87

<b>Verification of Licensure</b>	
Number of license verifications processed	7,556

<b>Credentials</b>	
Number of credentials processed (data from 7/1/2021 thru 12/3/2021)	19,500 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Unable to track the number of credentials processed after 12/3/2021 due to the MDH network security incident.

<b>Workload Statistics – <i>continued</i></b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Physician Assistant Delegation Agreements (DA)</b>	
Number of delegation agreements processed	1,722
Number of delegation agreements terminated	1,054
Total number of active DAs	7,025
Advanced duties addendums processed	171
Number of physician assistants with delegated authority to dispense medication	147

<b>Athletic Trainers</b>	
Number of Evaluation and Treatment Protocols processed	154
Number of Evaluation and Treatment Protocols terminated	188
Total number of active E & T Protocols	915

<b>Board Emails</b>	
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's main customer service email account	3,575
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's drug dispensing email account	616
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's IMLC email account	504

<b>Public Information Act (PIA) Requests</b>	
PIA requests processed	214

**12. The number of positive and negative Criminal History Records Check (CHRC) results received for physicians and allied health practitioners:**

<b>Practitioner Type</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Total Processed</b>
Athletic Trainers	7	154	161
Naturopathic Doctors	0	4	4
Nuclear Medicine Technologists	1	61	62
Perfusionists-Advanced	2	46	48
Perfusionists-Basic	0	3	3
Physicians-M.D.	65	4,647	4,712
Physicians-D.O.	7	455	462
Physician Assistants	9	970	979
Polysomnographic Technologists	2	28	30
Radiation Therapists	0	30	30
Radiographers	41	731	772
Respiratory Care Practitioners	32	517	549
Unlicensed (applicants)	0	99	99
<b>Total CHRCs Processed</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>7,745</b>	<b>7,911</b>

**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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