



# Maryland Board of Physicians

## Annual Report

### Fiscal Year 2023

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**Maryland Board of Physicians  
Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 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 17 below is provided as follows:

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

- 827 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	74
Office of the Attorney General, Prosecutor’s Office	39
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;
  - 248 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;
  - 247 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;
  - 46 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 827 complaints received:

Common Sources of Complaints Received	Total
Patients/Family	482
Board (through the application process) Renewal Applications - 17 Initial Application Referrals - 119 (AH-80; Lic & AH=39)	136
Continuing Medical Education (CME)	44

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

FY2023 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	3	0	3	0	8
Revocation	3	6	2	0	0	11
Summary Suspension	1	8	0	0	0	9
Summary Suspension Affirmed	1	7	0	0	0	8
Suspension	4	12	0	0	0	16
Surrender of License	2	9	0	0	0	11
Licensed with Suspension	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Loss of License Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64</b>

**Table B****FY2023 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	1	0	0	0	0	1
Reinstatement with Probation or Conditions	0	1	1	0	0	2
Reprimand with Conditions Only	0	8	2	0	0	10
Reprimand with Probation and Conditions	2	24	2	0	0	28
Suspension Terminated - Imposition of Probation with Terms and Conditions	0	6	0	0	0	6
<b>Restriction of License Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>

**Table C**

**FY2023 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>Other Prejudicial Action (Type of Action)</b>						
Cease and Desist	0	1	0	2	0	3
Licensed with Reprimand	0	1	1	1	0	3
Reprimand	0	7	0	0	0	7
Conditions Only	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Other Prejudicial Action Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>

**Table D**

**FY2023 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>Non-Prejudicial Action (Type of Action)</b>						
Termination Order	3	10	2	0	2	17
Termination Order - Reprimand Remains	4	32	4	0	0	40
<b>Non-Prejudicial Action Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>

**Table E**

**FY2023 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>						
Fine Only	5	8	0	3	2	18
<b>Administrative Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Grand Total Disciplinary and Administrative Actions (Tables A – E)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>200</b>

**Table F**

**FY2023 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	\$500.00	\$158,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$165,000.00
<b>Total Fines through Disciplinary Actions</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$158,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$165,000.00</b>

**Table G**  
**FY2023 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
Administrative Fines	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Civil Penalty Fines	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$7,500.00
CME Fines	\$0.00	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,000.00
Unlicensed Practitioner Fines	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,000.00	\$0.00	\$66,000.00 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total Administrative Fines</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$22,100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$66,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$94,600.00</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	2
Peer review cases that resulted in charges being issued	4
Peer review cases that resulted in closure or closure with an advisory letter	4

<sup>2</sup> Note: Fines are assessed and may be paid over multiple fiscal years. Once collected, the \$66,000.00 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.

**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 10 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	10
OAG, Board Counsel’s Office	0

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

Active Licenses	Total
Allied Health Practitioners / License Prefix	
Athletic Trainers (A)	823
Physician Assistants (C)	4,514
Naturopathic Doctors (J)	60
Radiologist Assistants (K)	6
Respiratory Care Practitioners (L)	3,160
Radiation Therapist/Radiographers (M)	28
Nuclear Medicine Technologists (N)	520
Radiation Therapists (O)	379
Radiographers (R)	5,300
Perfusionists-Basic (B)	3
Perfusionists-Advanced (Y)	160
Polysomnographic Technologists (Z)	319
Psychiatrist Assistants (S)	5

<b>Total Active Allied Health Practitioners</b>	<b>15,277</b>
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<b>Active Licensees - <i>continued</i></b>	<b>Total</b>
Physicians, M.D.	34,154
Physicians, D.O.	2,236
<b>Total Active Physicians</b>	<b>36,390</b>
<b>Grand Total Physicians and Allied Health Practitioners</b>	<b>51,667</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>3,106</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>17,400</b>	<b>20,862</b>
Allied Health Practitioners				
Athletic Trainers	91	12	0	103
Physician Assistants	445	43	4,440	4,928
Radiologic Technologists	313	100	6,035	6,448
Respiratory Care Practitioners	220	42	0	262
Polysomnographic Technologists	11	4	306	321
Perfusionists	21	1	0	22
Psychiatrist Assistants	0	0	0	0
Naturopathic Doctors	7	0	0	7
<b>Total Allied Health Practitioners</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>10,781</b>	<b>12,091</b>
<b>Total Physician and Allied Health Practitioners</b>	<b>4,214</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>28,181</b>	<b>32,953</b>

**11. Additional workload statistics for the Board:**

<b>Workload Statistics</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Drug Dispensing Permits</b>	
Active drug dispensing permits	668
Renewed drug dispensing permits	41
New drug dispensing permits	103

<b>Verification of Licensure</b>	
Number of license verifications processed	6,938
<b>Credentials</b>	
Number of credentials processed	3,638

<b>Public Information Act (PIA) Requests</b>	
PIA requests processed	154

<b>Athletic Trainers</b>	
Number of new Evaluation and Treatment (E & T) Protocols processed	151
Number of E & T Protocols terminated	70
Total number of active E & T Protocols	931

<b>Physician Assistant Delegation Agreements (DAs)</b>	
Number of DAs processed	1,797
Number of DAs terminated	2,454
Total number of active DAs	6,551
Advanced duties addendums processed	155
Number of Physician Assistants with delegated authority to dispense prescription medication	CDS-84 Non-CDS-101

<b>Board Emails Received and Processed</b>	
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's main customer service email account	3700
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's drug dispensing email account	808
Number of email inquiries received in the Board's IMLC email account	750
Number of emails received in the Board's CHRC email account	10,564

**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	6	201	207
Naturopathic Doctors	7	535	542
Nuclear Medicine Technologists	0	6	6
Perfusionists-Advanced	4	38	42
Perfusionists-Basic	2	26	28
Physicians-M.D.	0	1	1
Physicians-D.O.	44	4,331	4,375
Physician Assistants	14	810	824
Polysomnographic Technologists	1	17	18
Radiation Therapists	1	63	64
Radiographers	23	452	475
Respiratory Care Practitioners	14	403	417
Unlicensed (applicants)	2	99	101

<b>Total CHRCs Processed</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>6,982</b>	<b>7,100</b>
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**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):**

<b>Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Statistics</b>	
Number of Maryland licensees who have applied for licensure via the Compact and (issued LOQs) FY 23	415
Number of Maryland licensees approved for licensure through the Compact FY 23	672
Number of renewed Compact physician licenses (out of 542 eligible) for FY 23	438
Total number of Letters of Qualification issued by the Board since 07/2019	917
Total number of renewed Compact physician licenses since 7/2019	764
Total number of licenses issued through the IMLC since 7/2019 (may include retractions)	1,617

**16. Physician Licensure By Reciprocity with D.C. and Virginia (Beginning March 10, 2023):**

<b>Reciprocity Statistics</b>	
Licenses issued in Maryland to D.C. licensees Physicians, M.D. - 44 Physicians, D.O. - 4	48
Licenses issued in Maryland to Virginia licensees Physicians, M.D. - 23 Physicians, D.O. - 10	33
<b>Total Licenses issued by Reciprocity</b>	<b>81</b>

**17. Physician Licensure By Endorsement (Beginning January 9, 2023):**

<b>Endorsement Statistics</b>	
Physicians, M.D.	82
Physicians, D.O.	4
<b>Total Licenses issued by Endorsement</b>	<b>86</b>