

Board of Medicine

Mission and philosophy

The Board of Medicine is responsible for determining the qualifications and fitness to practice of all physicians and physician assistants who apply for licensure to practice medicine in Wyoming, for investigate complaints against its licensees, to appropriately discipline licensees when it is determined they have violated the Medical Practice Act, to publicize information regarding the filing of complaints and to contribute to and participate in a program assisting licensees who are impaired or who cannot safely and skillfully practice to return to practice after treatment, remediation and monitoring.

Major accomplishments and efficiencies

The Board maintains authority for the licensing and regulatory services for physicians and physician assistants.

The Board's goal to help invigorate the state's economy was accomplished by the licensing of 203 new physicians and re-licensing of 2253 physicians in FY 05. 19 new physician assistants were licensed and 134 were re-licensed.

Due to the scarcity of medical care in many areas of the state and the integration of Wyoming rural health care needs with rapidly expanding electronic delivery of medical care, the board maintains a contract with the Federation of State Medical Boards to utilize their Credentialing Verification Service (FCVS) to avoid duplication in securing documents, thereby expediting licensing and enhancing portability of licenses across state lines.

The board's objective to enhance the quality of life in Wyoming was accomplished by the docketing and investigation of 16 disciplinary actions in FY05. The board's strategy to continue to improve the quality of professional services provided by licensees to the public was accomplished by the continued involvement with a non-profit organization whose mission is to identify, monitor and assist in the return to active, productive and safe practice, physician and physician assistants who suffer chemical impairment and extensive behavioral problems.

To achieve public awareness of the board's existence and functions, the board advertised in statewide advertisements, maintained a standardized complaint form, enhanced and maintained a website that allows access to all statutes and rules, access to the database of all licensed physicians and physician assistants in Wyoming, allowed access to downloadable application forms, published a directory, maintained a toll free 800 number and informed disciplinary data banks, other state boards, and other

General information

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Year established

1905

Statutory references

W.S. 33-26-101 et seq.

Authorized personnel

Three full time employees and one contract at will employee

Organizational structure

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Clients served

Physician, physician assistants and the public

Budget information

General funds	-0-
Federal funds	-0-
Agency Funds	\$487,738.38

Agency to which the board reports

Governor and the Department of Administration and Information

Number of members

Eight board members consisting of four M.D.s, one D.O., one physician assistant and two lay members.
Five physician assistant advisory council members consisting of two M.D.s, two physician assistants and one lay member

Meeting frequency

Three regularly scheduled annual meetings the first full weekend of February, June and October. Contested case hearings in April, August and November as needed and telephone conference calls as needed. The President and Secretary hold monthly conference calls to screen complaints.

interested individuals of final disciplinary orders issued by the board.

Strategic plan changes

The board's only goal is to safeguard and promote the public health, safety and welfare by maintaining consumer confidence in physicians and physician assistants through enforcement of high standards for professional licensing.