

Board of Medicine

Mission and philosophy

The Wyoming State Board of Medicine is responsible for determining the qualifications and fitness of all physicians and physician assistants who apply for licensure to practice medicine in Wyoming.

It is also responsible for:

- investigating complaints against its licensees;
- appropriately disciplining licensees when they have violated the Medical Practice Act;
- publicizing information regarding the filing of complaints; and
- contributing to and participating in a program assisting licensees who are impaired to return to practice.

Results of outcomes

The board is involved in maintaining day-to-day services in licensing and regulating physicians and physician assistants.

The board's goal to help invigorate the state's economy was accomplished by the licensing of 2,221 physicians, including 147 new licensees, 2,169 renewing their licenses, and the licensing of 110 physician assistants, including 25 new licensees and 95 renewing their licenses.

Rural health care needs

Due to the continuing unavailability of medical care in many areas of the state and integration of Wyoming's rural health care needs, along with the rapidly expanding electronic delivery of medical care, the board maintained contract with the Federation of State Medical Boards to utilize their Federation Credentialing Verification Service (FCVS) to avoid duplication in securing documents. This helped expedite 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 investigating of 33 disciplinary actions.

The board's strategy to continue to improve the quality of professional services provided by licensees to the public was accomplished by the completion of a nonprofit corporation to identify, monitor and assist in returning productive, practice physicians and physician assistants who suffer chemical impairment problems.

To achieve public awareness of the board's existence and functions, the board advertised in statewide health tabloids, maintained a standardized complaint form, developed a Website, which allows access to all statutes and rules, the database of all licensed physicians and physician assistants in Wyoming, and application forms that can be downloaded.

General information

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Year established

1905

Statutory references

W.S. 33-26-101

Number of authorized personnel

Three full-time employees, one at-will employee, eight board members — four medical doctors, one doctor of osteopathic, one physicians assistant, two public members and five physician assistant advisory council members

Organization structure

Eight-member board appointed by the governor to four-year terms; the board appoints Physician Assistant Advisory Council members

Clients served

Authorized to license and impose disciplinary sanctions of physicians and physician assistants, thereby, protecting the health and welfare of the residents of the state

Budget information

Earmarked funds **\$425,064**

Agency to which group reports

Governor and the Department of Administration and Information

Number of members

Eight board members, five Physician Assistant Advisory Council Members

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A directory was published, and the board maintained a toll-free 800 number and informed disciplinary data banks along with state boards and other 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.

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Meeting frequency

Three times a year on the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the months of February, June and October