

Board of Medicine

Mission and philosophy

The Board of Medicine determines the qualifications and fitness to practice of all physicians and physician assistants who apply for licensure to practice medicine in Wyoming, investigates complaints against licensees, imposes appropriate disciplinary sanctions when it is determined that licensees have violated the Medical Practice Act, publicizes information regarding the filing of complaints and contributes to and participates in a program assisting licensees who are diagnosed with substance abuse disorders 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 under the Wyoming Medical Practice Act, W.S. 33-26-10, et seq.

The Board's goal to help invigorate the state's economy was accomplished by the licensing of 177 new physicians and re-licensing of 2425 physicians in FY 06. Thirty-one (31) new physician assistants were licensed and 137 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 is also involved in a multi-state license portability project coordinated by the Federal Office for the Advancement of Telehealth and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

The board's objective to enhance Wyoming's quality of life was accomplished by the docketing and investigation of 22 disciplinary actions in FY 06. The board's strategy to improve the quality of professional services provided by licensees to the public was accomplished by its continued involvement with the Wyoming Professional Assistance Program, 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.

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, provided access to downloadable application forms, published a directory, maintained a toll free phone number and informed the press, disciplinary data banks, other boards and other 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.

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	\$992,657

Agency to which to 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.

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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 hearing in April, August and November as needed and telephone conference calls as needed. The President and Secretary hold monthly conference calls to screen complaints.