

# Board of Medicine

## Mission and philosophy

Responsible for determining the qualifications and fitness of all physicians and physician assistants who apply for licensure to practice medicine in Wyoming, for investigating complaints against its licensees, for appropriately disciplining licensees when they have violated the Medical Practice Act, for publicizing information regarding the filing of complaints and contributing to and participating in a program assisting licensees who are impaired or who cannot safely and skillfully practice to return to practice after treatment, remediation and monitoring.

## Results of outcomes

Maintain daily 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 2284 physicians, including 168 new licensees and 2227 renewing their licenses and the licensing of 158 physician assistants, including 10 new licensees and 158 renewing their licenses.

Due to the continuing unavailability of medical care in many areas of the state and integration of Wyoming's 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 investigating of 39 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 to return to productive practice physicians 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 health tabs, maintained a standardized complaint form, maintained a web site that allows access to all statutes and rules, access to the database of all licensed physicians and physician assistants in Wyoming, allows access to downloadable application forms, published a directory, maintained a toll-free 800 number and informed disciplinary data banks, state boards and other interested individuals of final disciplinary orders issued by the board.

## General information

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## Other locations

Does not apply

## Year established

1905

## Statutory references

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

## Number of authorized personnel

Three full-time employees, one at-will employee  
Eight board members - four M.D., one D.O., one PA and two lay members  
Five physician assistant advisory council members

## Organization structure

Eight member board appointed by governor to four year terms  
PA Advisory council members are appointed by the board

## 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 \$577,357

## 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.

### Agency to which group reports

Governor and the Department of Administration and Information

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### Meeting frequency

Three per year on the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the months of February, June and October, three regularly scheduled contested case hearings and telephone conference calls on an as-needed basis. President and secretary hold monthly conference calls to screen complaints.