
West Virginia Board of Medicine: Our Role and Responsibility

West Virginia State Medical Association

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At a Glance

The West Virginia Board of Medicine is a Chapter 30 board established by statute in 1949.



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Mission

The West Virginia Board of Medicine is the state agency charged with protecting the health and safety of the public through licensure, regulation and oversight of medical doctors (MDs), podiatric physicians (DPMs) and collaborating physician assistants (PAs).



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Vision

We will be a national leader in innovative oversight of health professionals.



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Core Values

- Integrity – Our actions are congruent with our words. We question actions inconsistent with our values.
- Public Protection (Compliance) – We follow the law and achieve complete compliance to the rules, policies and procedures that have been established to safeguard the public and to regulate fairly the health care professionals we serve.



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Core Values

- Accountability (Accuracy) – We believe we must ensure that information is exact and correct. Strong attention to detail and editing our work are essential.
- Trust (Reliability & Respect) – We strive to earn the confidence of others. We demonstrate consistently strong performance with respect and dignity.



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By the Numbers

Active licenses in West Virginia
(as of Jan. 19, 2018):

➤ MD – 6,716

➤ DPM – 115

➤ PA 902



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Our Board

- 16 members – 8 MDs, 2 DPMs, 2 PAs and 3 lay members, all appointed by the Governor, plus state health officer (ex officio).
- The Physician Assistant Practice Act, modified by SB 1014 in June 2017, required the addition of a second PA representative, bringing total board membership to 16.



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Board Committees

- Complaint Committee
- Executive / Management Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Licensure Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Physician Assistant Committee



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Our Staff

- Administration
- Licensing, Certification & Renewals
- Investigation, Complaints and Compliance

- Total – 17



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Budget

- Total (FY 2017-18): \$2,056,539
- The Board is financially self-sufficient.
- No General Revenue Fund appropriations.
- Fines returned to the General Revenue Fund in FY 2016-17: \$17,531.25



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Fees – MDs and DPMs

- Initial and Renewal License - \$400
- Temporary License - \$100
- Reinstatement (active) - \$600
- Reinstatement (inactive) - \$225

- Based on a 2-year renewal cycle.



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Fees - PAs

- Initial License - \$250
- Renewal License - \$150
- Reinstatement - \$225
- Temporary License - \$50
- Practice Agreements - \$100



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Continuing Medical Education

- MDs and DPMs (general)
 - Minimum 50 hours in preceding 2 years;
 - Include at least 30 hours in area(s) of specialty;
 - Minimum 3 hours in a Board-approved course on drug diversion training and best practice prescribing of controlled substances



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Continuing Medical Education

- PAs (general)
 - Minimum 100 hours in preceding 2 years;
 - If PA prescribes, administers or dispenses any controlled substance, must complete a minimum of 3 hours in a Board-approved course on drug diversion training and best practice prescribing of controlled substances.



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Investigations

- Average 170 complaints per year – many alleging multiple violations
- 205 complaints in 2017 – 68 remain open
- 54 Orders, Consent Orders, or amended Consent Orders (20 from prior years)
- 103 complaints closed



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Legislation – Education Permits

- HB 4027 – Establishes permits for allopathic (MD) residents and fellows
- Parity with WV Board of Osteopathic Medicine
- Renewable each year resident enrolled in GME or fellowship training
- \$100 fee



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