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Mission:

The mission of the Board of Podiatric Medicine is to protect the public by extending the privilege to practice to qualified applicants and to investigate complaints relating to the competency or behavior of individual licensees or registrants.

Statewide Outcome(s):

Podiatric Medicine, Board of supports the following statewide outcome(s).

People in Minnesota are safe.

Context:

The Board exists to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by regulating set standards of practice for doctors of podiatric medicine (DPM) regarding licensure, disciplinary actions and setting educational requirements and examinations for licensure. Licensure requirements must be met to be granted a Minnesota license to practice. Prohibited conduct by a licensee is investigated for disciplinary action. Primary customers are members of the public, applicants, licensees, credentialing organizations and other government agencies. The Board is 100 percent fee funded and is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover expenditures.

Strategies:

The Board provides for public safety and contributes to the above statewide outcomes by:

- Responding to public and agency inquiries, complaints and reports regarding licensure and conduct on applicants, permit holders, licensees and unlicensed practitioners;
- Reviewing complaints of alleged violations of statutes and rules, holding disciplinary conferences with licensees and taking legal action to suspend or revoke the licenses of DPM who fail to meet standards;
- Setting and administering educational requirements and examination standards for DPM licensure;
- Providing information and education about licensure requirements and standards of practice to the public and other interested audiences.
- Provide license verifications to credentialing organizations.

The Board is comprised of seven members appointed by the Governor, five DPM and two public members that are committed to continual performance measurement and quality improvement. The full Board meets quarterly and reviews goals, objectives and guiding principles focusing on licensure requirements, scope of practice, continuing medical education credit approvals, disciplinary actions and financial oversight.

Results:

The Board is committed to issuing licenses within 48 hours after the applicant has met all requirements, issuing license renewals within 48 hours upon receipt of a completed application, issuing license verifications within 48 hours upon receipt from the credentialing agency and resolving complaints within 180 days, obviously depending on the complexity of the case. The Board believes it is meeting most of these targets currently, but is in the process of developing defined outcome measurements and determining how to formally track results. Results of the board activities are:

- responsibility for public safety being fulfilled with respect for due process and adherence to laws and rules;
- customer services delivered in a respectful, responsive, timely, communicative, and nondiscriminatory manner;
- government services accessible, purposeful, responsible, and secure; and
- business functions delivered with efficiency, accountability and a willingness to collaborate.

Performance Measures	Previous	Current	Trend
Licensed Podiatrists	185	231	Stable
Complaints Received	14	11	Stable
New Licensees	5	11	Stable
License Verifications Online	299	839	Increasing

Previous is FY 2006 for all Performance Measure.

Current is FY 2010 for Complaints Received and New Licensees

Source: 2008-10 Biennial Report: <http://www.asu.state.mn.us/Portals/0/Biennial%20Report%202008-2010.pdf>

Current is FY 2012 for License Verifications Online

Source: SBLM Database

Current is FY 2013 for Licensed Podiatrists

Source: SBLM Database

Additional information on the Board of Podiatric Medicine:

Links to Board website: <http://www.podiatry.state.mn.us>

Sunset Report: http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/sunset/reports/BoardofPodiatricMedicine_2011.pdf

