

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

Physician Assistants

Licenses and regulates physician assistants.

STAFF:

4 civil service
1 exempt

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

9,482

BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

4 licensees
**1 member of the Medical
Board of California**
4 public representatives

STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTED:

February 24, 2014

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Approved the Board's 2014–2018 Strategic Plan on February 24, 2014. The plan was added to the Board's website.
- Updated the Board's "What is a PA?" consumer information brochure in both English and Spanish. Both brochures are available on the Board's website.
- Transitioned to Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA's) BreEZe licensing and enforcement system in October 2013. Physician assistant applicants now have the option to submit online applications for licensure to the Board.
- Created a diversion program fee schedule to better inform Administrative Law Judges, Deputy Attorney Generals, licensees, and applicants of typical costs involved in participation in the Board's diversion program. This document also informs applicants and licensees of required initial practice restrictions when initially entering the program.

MAJOR NEW LEGISLATION OR REGULATIONS

- Senate Bill 352 (Pavley, Chapter 286, Stats of 2013) amends Business and Professions Code section 2069 to allow physicians to delegate medical assistant supervision to physician assistants, certified nurse practitioners, and certified nurse midwives. An informational bulletin, "Supervision of Medical Assistants by Physician Assistants," was developed so that physician assistants and supervising physicians may become better informed about supervision of medical assistants. The Frequently Asked Questions on the Board's website was updated to reflect this legislative change.
- Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 1399.620, 1399.621, 1399.622, and 1399.623, Sponsored Free Health Care Events, establishes requirements for healthcare events at which free care is offered to uninsured and under-insured individuals by volunteer healthcare providers, including physician assistants, where those practitioners may include individuals who may be licensed in other states but not in California.

Summary of Licensing Activity

Initial Licenses/Certificates/Permits			
TYPE	APPS RECEIVED	ISSUED	RENEWED
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	770	775	4,360

Licensing Population by Type			
TYPE	CERTIFICATES/ PERMITS	LICENSES/ REGISTRATIONS	APPROVALS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	N/A	9,482	N/A

Renewal and Continuing Education (CE)		
TYPE	FREQUENCY OF RENEWAL	NUMBER CE HOURS REQUIRED EACH CYCLE
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	EVERY 2 YEARS	50 HRS. OR NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

Exam Results
N/A

Summary of Enforcement Activity

Consumer Complaints – Intake	
316	RECEIVED
0	CLOSED WITHOUT REFERRAL FOR INVESTIGATION
312	REFERRED FOR INVESTIGATION
10	PENDING

Conviction/Arrest Notification Complaints	
46	RECEIVED
43	CLOSED/REFERRED FOR INVESTIGATION
3	PENDING

Inspections
NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROGRAM

Investigations	
355	OPENED
267	CLOSED
194	PENDING

Number of Days to Complete Intake and Investigations	
172	UP TO 90 DAYS
45	91 TO 180 DAYS
27	181 DAYS TO 1 YEAR
19	1 TO 2 YEARS
4	2 TO 3 YEARS
0	OVER 3 YEARS
118	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS TO COMPLETE INTAKE AND INVESTIGATIONS

Citations and Fines	
19	ISSUED
19	ISSUED WITH A FINE
1	WITHDRAWN
0	DISMISSED
262	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS TO ISSUE A CITATION AND FINE

Total Amount of Fines	
\$9,800	ASSESSED
\$450	REDUCED
\$4,100	COLLECTED

Summary of Enforcement Activity

Criminal/Civil Actions

0	REFERRALS FOR CRIMINAL/CIVIL ACTION
1	CRIMINAL ACTIONS FILED
0	CIVIL ACTIONS FILED

Office of the Attorney General/Disciplinary Actions

49	CASES OPENED/INITIATED
34	CASES CLOSED
26	CASES PENDING

Number of Days to Complete AG Cases

17	1 YEAR
9	1 TO 2 YEARS
5	2 TO 3 YEARS
3	3 TO 4 YEARS
0	OVER 4 YEARS
526	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS TO IMPOSE DISCIPLINE

Formal Actions Filed/Withdrawn/Dismissed

2	STATEMENTS OF ISSUES FILED
19	ACCUSATIONS FILED
3	RESTRAINING/RESTRICTION/SUSPENSION ORDERS GRANTED
2	STATEMENTS OF ISSUES WITHDRAWN/DISMISSED
0	ACCUSATIONS WITHDRAWN/DISMISSED

Administrative Outcomes/Final Orders

2	LICENSE APPLICATIONS DENIED
6	REVOCAION
6	SURRENDER OF LICENSE
1	PROBATION WITH SUSPENSION
0	SUSPENSION ONLY
15	PROBATION ONLY
1	PUBLIC REPRIMAND
0	OTHER DECISIONS

Petition for Modification or Termination of Probation

0	GRANTED
2	DENIED
2	TOTAL

Petition for Reinstatement of Revoked License/Registration/Certification

0	GRANTED
1	DENIED
0	TOTAL

Cost Recovery to DCA

\$140,555	ORDERED
\$46,525	COLLECTED

Consumer Restitution to Consumers/Refunds/Savings

\$0	RESTITUTION ORDERED
\$0	AMOUNT REFUNDED
\$0	REWORK AT NO CHARGE
\$0	ADJUSTMENTS IN MONEY OWED/PRODUCT RETURNED/EXCHANGED
\$0	TOTAL SAVINGS ACHIEVED FOR CONSUMERS

Petitions to Revoke Probation Filed/Petitions and Accusations to Revoke Probation Filed

1	TOTAL NUMBER FILED
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Subsequent Disciplinary—Administrative Outcomes/Final Orders

1	REVOCAION
2	SURRENDER OF LICENSE
0	PROBATION WITH SUSPENSION
0	SUSPENSION ONLY
0	PROBATION ONLY
0	PUBLIC REPRIMAND
0	OTHER DECISIONS