



National Practitioner Data Bank: Partnering to Protect Patients

State Licensing Board Reporting Requirements
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The Audience

▶ **Let's Get to Know the Audience:**

1. Who traveled the farthest?
2. How many years have you used the NPDB?

The Rules

State Licensing Board Reporting Requirements Specific Legislation & Regulations

[Title IV](#)

[Section 1921 of the Social Security Act](#)

[Link to NPDB Summary Reporting Requirements](#)



General Provisions

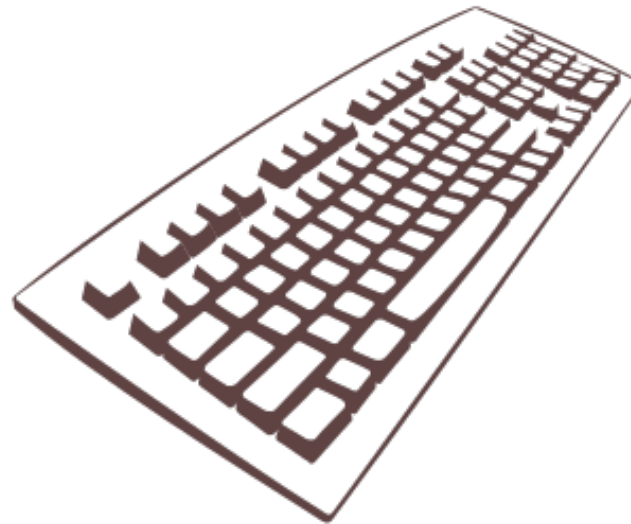
Created to meet several needs:

Flagging system for effective
credential reviews

Protection against unfit
practitioners

Deter fraud and abuse in the
health care system

State Licensure Reporting



Reporting Infographic

NPDB GUIDE TO REPORTING STATE LICENSURE ACTIONS

BEFORE SUBMITTING:

Did your board take one or more actions against a practitioner as a result of a formal proceeding (such as a formal hearing, settlement agreement, consent order, etc.) that includes one of the following?:

- An adverse action, including revocation, suspension, reprimand, censure, or probation
- Any other loss of license or right to apply for/renew license by operation of law, voluntary surrender, or nonrenewal, etc. (excluding non-payment of fees, retirement, inactive status)
- A dismissal or closure of a formal proceeding because the practitioner surrendered license or left jurisdiction
- Any publicly available negative action or finding (includes a health care-related administrative fine or citation)

Do not have to be publicly available to be reportable

SUBMIT AN INITIAL ADVERSE ACTION REPORT



Initial

within 30 days of when the action was taken

REPORT MODIFICATIONS (when needed):

The NPDB notifies the subject of the report when the report is submitted, and when any of these modifications are made.



Did your organization take an action that modifies or relates to a previously reported action (including reinstatements)?

SUBMIT A REVISION-TO-ACTION REPORT



Initial Revision



Did your organization determine there is an error or omission in a previously submitted report?

SUBMIT A CORRECTION REPORT



Initial Corrected Report



Did your organization determine that an action should not have been reported because:

- 1 The report was erroneously submitted?
 - 2 The action is not reportable?
 - 3 The action was reversed or overturned?
- These are the only reasons for which a report may be voided.

VOID THE REPORT



Initial



Did a practitioner appeal a previously reported action by your board?

SUBMIT A NOTICE OF APPEAL



Initial

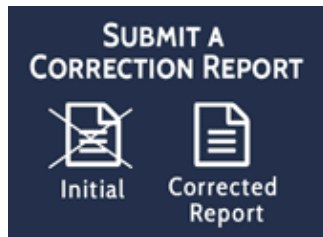
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Types of Reports

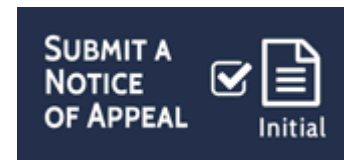
▶ Initial

First report of a medical malpractice payment, adverse action, or judgment or conviction. Report must be submitted within 30 days of the date the action was taken or malpractice payment was made.

▶ Correction



▶ Notice of Appeal



▶ Revision-to-Action



▶ Void



Modifying a Report

▶ **Correction**

It contained errors (e.g., incorrect date of birth) or is missing information (e.g., incomplete narrative description).

▶ **Revision-to-Action**

A subsequent action has occurred concerning the same case requiring a revision (e.g., reinstatement, restrictions lifted).

▶ **Notice of Appeal**

Notify the NPDB that a subject has appealed this adverse action.

▶ **Void**

It should not have been submitted (e.g., wrong practitioner named, duplicate report) or action was reversed or overturned on appeal.



Basis for Action Codes: Why Accurate Coding is Critically Important



Reporting Compacts

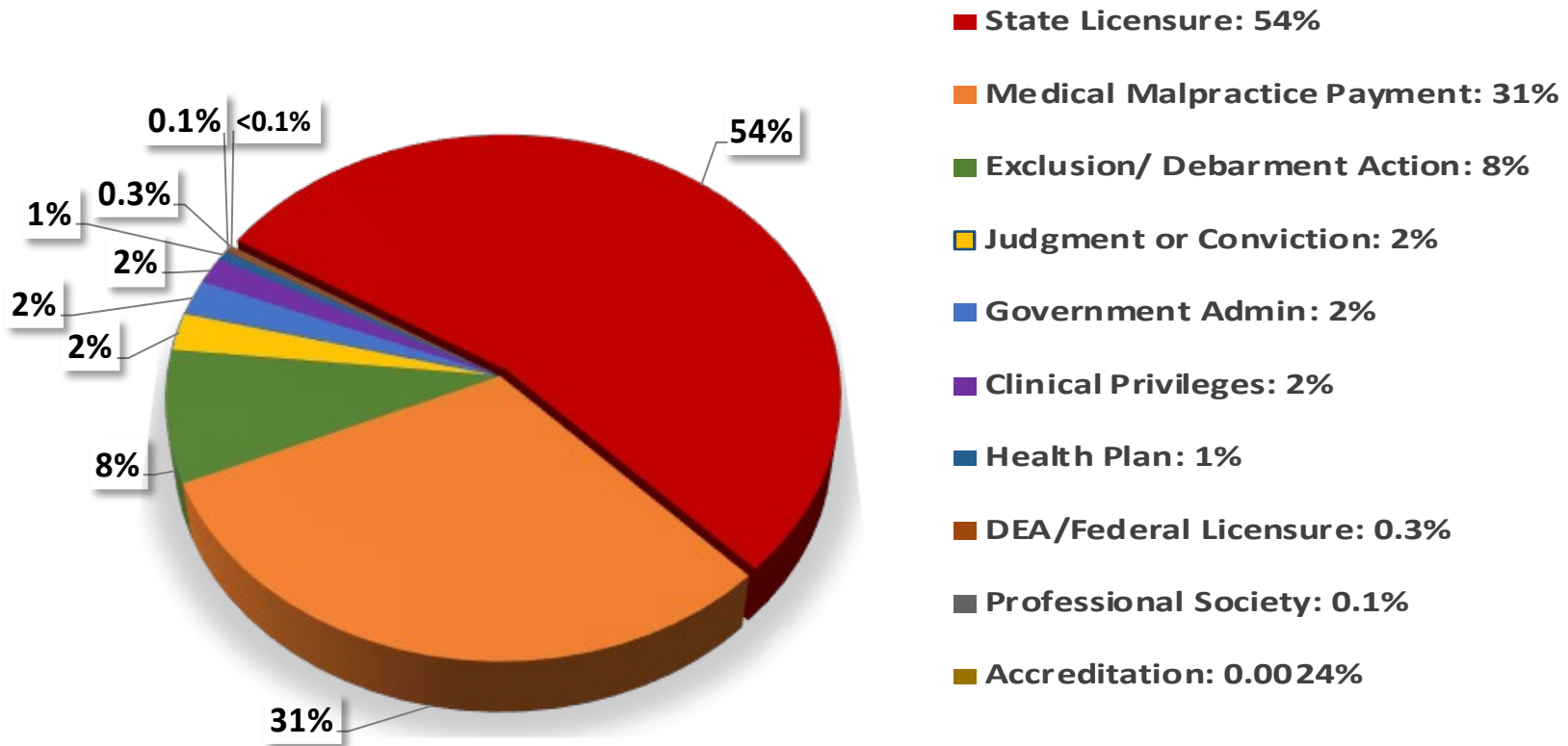


Prescriptive Codes



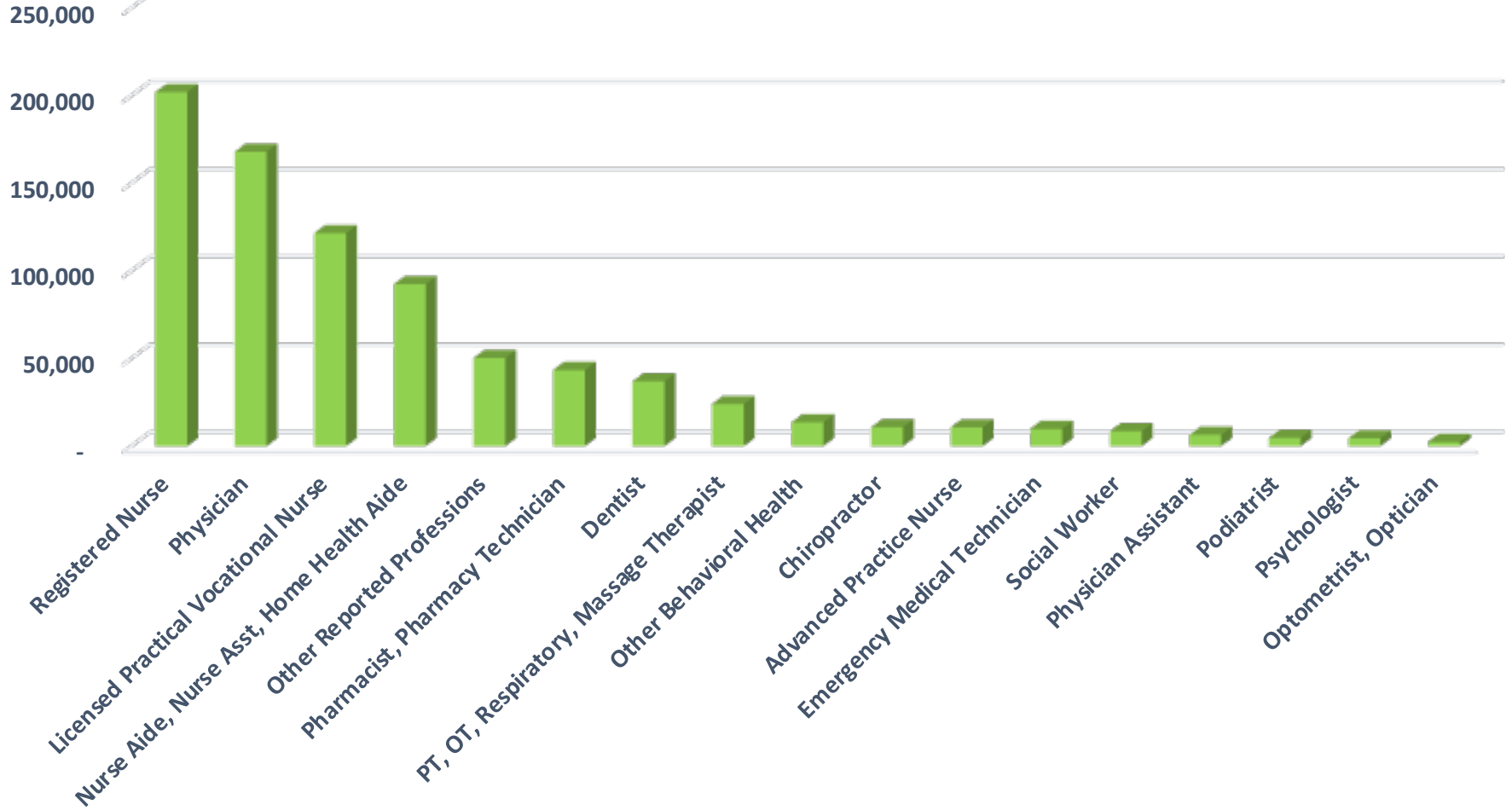
NPDB Reports by Type (N = 1.4M)

As of December 31, 2018



Reports on Individuals by Profession

2010 – 2018 (N = 832,000)



Who Reports and Queries?

ENTITY TYPE	REPORT	QUERY
Hospitals	✓	✓
Health plans	✓	+
Other health care entities with formal peer review	✓	+
State agencies licensing or certifying practitioners & entities (including boards of medical & dental examiners)	✓	+
State agencies administering or supervising state programs	✓	+
State law or fraud enforcement agencies (including state Medicaid fraud control units & state prosecutors)	✓	+
Federal licensing or certification agencies	✓	+
Agencies administering federal programs, including entities under contract	✓	+
Federal law enforcement officials & agencies (including DEA, HHS OIG, & federal prosecutors)	✓	+
Medical malpractice payers	✓	✗
Professional societies with formal peer review	✓	+
Peer review organizations (excluding QIOs)	✓	✗
Private accreditation organizations	✓	✗
Quality improvement organizations	✗	+
Individual practitioners, providers, & suppliers (self-query only)	✗	+

Required ✓ Not Authorized ✗ Optional +



Formal Proceeding



The Basics

Denials of Initial and Renewal Applications



Use of Private Agreements Federal Law & State Law



Letter of Concern



Impaired Practitioner



Inactive Status



The Basics

Administrative Fines



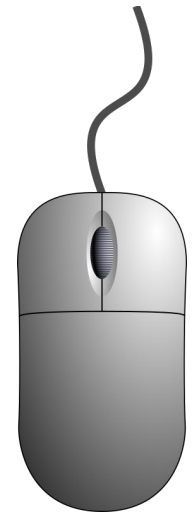
Cease and Desist



Continuing Education Unit - CEU



Website Resources



- ▶ The NPDB Web Site at www.npdb.hrsa.gov
- ▶ State Licensing and Certification Agencies Landing Page: <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/orgs/stateBoard.jsp>
- ▶ Help Center: <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/helpCenter/org.jsp>
- ▶ Policy Questions: NPDBPolicy@hrsa.gov



Website Resources

 U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

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Updated Guidebook
October 2018

NPDB Guidebook
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Check Your Report

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For Organizations

[Registering with the NPDB](#)

How an organization can apply to access NPDB information.

[Changing Your Data Bank Administrator](#)

What to do if your Data Bank administrator is leaving your organization.

[Querying the NPDB](#)

Start using Continuous Query within your organization.

[Your Organization](#)

Receive organization-specific reporting and querying guidance.

Popular Resources

[NPDB Guidebook](#) **Updated**

The guidebook serves as a policy manual for the NPDB.

[Glossary](#)

Understand NPDB terminology and definitions.

[NPDB Infographics](#)

Educational guides that explain NPDB concepts in a visual, easy-to-understand format.

[Policy Corner](#)

A resource for your questions about the laws and regulations governing NPDB operations.

News

March 6, 2018

The *March Insights* illuminates the dispute process, points users to resources that help determine if a situation is reportable, and discusses how patient safety related to querying and reporting.

February 4, 2019

The *NPDB Public Use Data File* has been updated to include disclosable statistical report information received from September 1, 1990 through December 31, 2018.

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Data Analysis Tool

Undo Redo Reset

Export CSV

NPDB Data Analysis Tool NPDB Practitioners

This tab shows the number of unique practitioners for each profession (practitioner type) and state in the NPDB.
By selecting a practitioner type, you can view the total number of unique practitioners for that profession by state and vice versa.

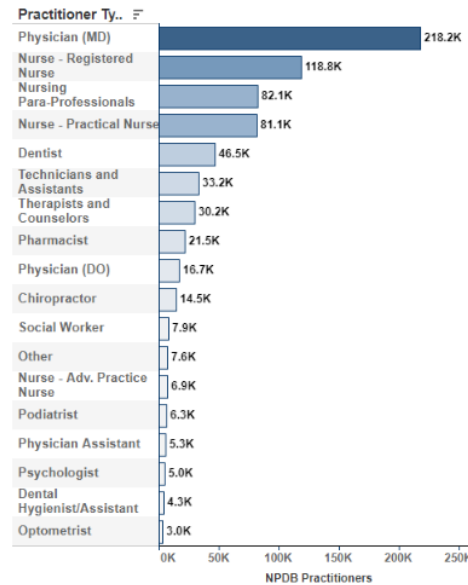
Practitioner Type
(All)

State
(All)

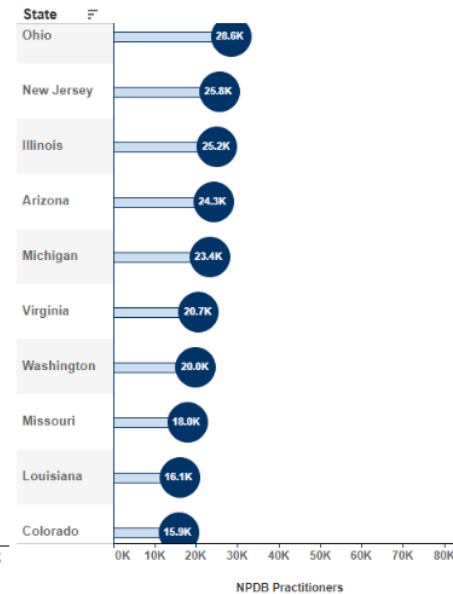
Total Unique NPDB Practitioners

675,658

NPDB Practitioners by Practitioner Type



NPDB Practitioners by State



Practitioner Detail

State	Physician (MD)	Physician (DO)	Chiropractor	Dental Hygienist/Assistant	Dentist	Nurse - Adv. Practice Nurse	Nurse - Registered Nurse	Nurse - Practical Nurse	Nursing Para-Professionals	Optometrist
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The News

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Questions



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