Division of Public Health
LICENSURE UNIT
Annual Report

Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public Health
Licensure Unit
LICENSURE UNIT OVERVIEW

MISSION

Protection of the public’s health, safety and well-being through regulation of health care professionals, facilities and programs.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Licensure, Certification and Registration of Persons who Provide Health and Health-Related Services
2. Licensure and Certification (to participate in Medicare/Medicaid) of Health Care Facilities and Services
3. Licensure of Children’s Services Agencies, Facilities and Programs
4. Administration of the State Board of Health and the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act
5. Administration of the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED FY 15

Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses – 12
Board of Alcohol & Drug Counseling – 18
Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology – 0
Board of Chiropractic – 7
Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art – 86
Board of Dentistry – 32
Board of Emergency Medical Services – 41
Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming – 8
Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists – 3
Board of Massage Therapy – 40
Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy – 4
Board of Medicine and Surgery – 62
Board of Mental Health Practice – 46
Board of Nursing – 242
Board of Optometry – 3
Board of Occupational Therapy – 0
Board of Podiatry – 4
Board of Pharmacy – 37
Board of Physical Therapy – 4
Board of Physician Assistants – 11
Board of Podiatry – 3
Board of Psychology – 8
Board of Psychology – 8
Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery – 25
Board of Respiratory Care Practice – 15

TOTAL = 722

MANDATORY REPORTS RECEIVED = 1,191
ARRANGED BY LICENSURE BOARD

- Nursing, 583
- Medicine, 162
- Pharmacy, 95
- Dentistry, 21
- EMS, 41
- All Other Boards, 281
# Disciplinary Actions Arranged by Licensure Board

**Total = 493**

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<th>Disciplinary Actions</th>
<th>Mental Health</th>
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<td><strong>36</strong></td>
<td><strong>29</strong></td>
<td><strong>83</strong></td>
<td><strong>136</strong></td>
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# Non-Disciplinary Actions Assurance of Compliance

**Total = 105**

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Community Service Facilities Currently Licensed = 5,476

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<td>Cosmetology Salons</td>
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<td>Radon Measurement &amp; Mitigation Business</td>
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<td>Lead-Based Paint Firm</td>
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<td>Veterinary Drug Distributor</td>
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<td>Asbestos Business Entity</td>
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- 500  1,000  1,500  2,000  2,500
- Provisional Licenses are issued for the first year of operation to all Child Care providers.
- Operating Licenses are issued after completion of the provisional Licensure year. Operating Licenses are non-expiring.

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<th>Child Care Provider Type</th>
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<td>Family Child Care Home II</td>
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B. INSPECTIONS - TOTAL = 7,557
Inspections for Child Care Programs occur within 60 days of issuing a license and compliance inspections occur at least once a year for programs with less than thirty children and at least twice a year for programs with thirty or more children. Additionally, complaints against Child Care providers are investigated.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

**TOTAL = 162**

- Initial & Compliance Inspections: 6,700
- Complaint Investigations: 857

**D. NON-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**
TOTAL = 91

Corrective Action Status can be imposed upon a program when there are violations that are correctable within a relatively short time period and do not pose a serious threat of harm to children.

License Agreements

License Placed on Corrective Action Status

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

PROFESSIONAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- There were 52 professional and public members appointed to 19 Professional Boards. Interviews were held in September, October, November, March and June.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Approved five sets of Regulations and reviewed 12 sets of Regulations.
FY 15 Credentialing Reviews were conducted on proposals from the following professions:

• **Radiologic Practitioner Assistant/Radiologist Assistant** - to credential a new category of radiologic technology professional.

• **Dental Auxiliaries** - to expand the scope of practice of dental hygienists and dental assistants.

• **Surgical First Assistant/Surgical Technologist** - to create a scope of practice and license surgical first assistants and create a registry for surgical technologist.
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