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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2008 Statistical Report

SUBMITTED BY: Robert A. Leach, Executive Director

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION  
MINNESOTA BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

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REQUESTED ACTION:

For information only.

MOTION

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BACKGROUND:

LICENSING

The number of individuals who obtained licenses to practice medicine (1,156) increased from fiscal year 2007 (1,137). This is the largest number of medical licenses issued, to date. The number of newly registered physician assistants also increased from (136) in 2007 to (167) in 2008. Newly licensed acupuncturists also increased from (38) in 2007 to 43 in 2008. Respiratory care practitioners and athletic trainers had a slight decrease over 2007. The total number of newly credentialed professionals continues to increase from 2,395 in 2007 to 2,463 in 2008, (see Table A).

The total number of physicians actively regulated by the board (18,797) continued to increase over fiscal year 2007 (18,265). The total number of physician assistants actively regulated (1,248) increased over fiscal year 2007 (1,111). In addition, there was growth in the numbers of all other professions regulated by the board: Respiratory Care Practitioners (1,669), Athletic Trainers (611), Acupuncture Practitioners (349), and Telemedicine (223), (See Table B).

COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT

The number of complaints received by the board in 2008 (868) is a 4.2 % increase over 2007 (832), (See Table D).

The board issued 74 disciplinary orders in fiscal year 2008 compared to 65 in fiscal year 2007. There were fewer amended orders, 9 in 2008 compared to 14 in 2007, more orders including a reprimand, 31 in 2008 compared to 22 in 2007, and more orders of unconditional license, 22 in 2008 compared to 17 in 2007. The number of suspension orders in 2008 (8) decreased slightly over 2007 (10), (See Table G).

The number of Corrective Action Agreements issued by the board in fiscal year 2008 (8) decreased from fiscal year 2007 (9). The number of Medical Coordinator conferences increased from 35 to 54, and the number of Complaint Review Committee conferences which did not result in a Board order increased slightly from 32 to 33, see (See Table I).

The number of unresolved complaints in 2008 (554) increased since fiscal year 2007 (507). The number of complaints resolved remained about the same (785) in 2008 and (784) in 2007, (see Table H).

TABLE A  
MN BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE  
# LICENSES/REGISTRATIONS ISSUED

Fiscal Year	Physicians & Surgeons	Residency Permits	Physical Therapists	Physician Assistants	Resp Care Practitioners	Athletic Trainers	Acupuncture Practitioners	Traditional Midwives	Telemedicine	TOTAL
2008	1,156	858	*	167	121	74	43	1	43	2,463
2007	1,137	818	*	136	123	82	38	1	60	2,395
2006	993	855	*	143	122	72	35	2	51	2,273
2005	976	763	*	100	95	68	45	5	51	2,103
2004	1,064	760	*	86	86	66	41	0	27	2,130
2003	1,049	691	*	83	83	71	29	1	59	2,066
2002	1,091	700	*	104	110	59	35	1		2,100
2001	1,060	752	*	94	95	71	30	6		2,108
2000	1,096	716	*	94	113	65	31	3		2,118
1999	981	675	215	90	122	55	25			2,163
1998	970	670	203	70	103	74	50			2,140
1997	994	675	200	55	97	39	30			2,090
1996	885	664	205	58	113	120	10			2,055
1995	900	801	183	44	122	117				2,167
1994	887	524	180	51	793	56				2,491
1993	897		158	32	50					1,137
1992	886		178	29						1,093
1991	772		198	35						1,005
1990	869		173	31						1,073
1989	1,088		204	58						1,350
1988	842		122	74						1,038

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\*\*The Board commenced administering the telemedicine regulatory law in FY 2003.

TABLE B  
MN BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE  
# ACTIVELY REGULATED

Fiscal Year	Physicians & Surgeons	Physical Therapists	Physician Assistants	Resp Care Practitioners	Athletic Trainers	Acupuncture Practitioners	Traditional Midwives	Telemedicine	TOTAL
2008	18,797	*	1,248	1,669	611	349	14	223	22,911
2007	18,265	*	1,111	1,622	578	318	15	191	22,100
2006	17,939	*	1,097	1,596	537	297	15	174	21,655
2005	17,423	*	832	1,483	522	263	10	125	20,658
2004	17,093	*	804	1,377	442	217	6	76	20,015
2003	16,771	*	751	1,361	415	184	9	59	19,550
2002	16,354	*	729	1,437	450	183	9		19,162
2001	15,951	*	617	1,305	368	149	9		18,399
2000	15,592	*	545	1,282	348	130	3		17,900
1999	14,998	2,997	468	1,246	320	108			20,137
1998	14,765	2,877	397	1,143	301	82			19,565
1997	14,424	2,786	377	1,081	299	40			19,007
1996	14,217	2,691	350	1,048	282	10			18,598
1995	14,072	2,619	305	972	171				18,139
1994	13,974	2,591	225	50					16,840
1993	13,546	2,591	225						16,362
1992	14,357	2,585	179						17,121
1991	14,244	2,639	176						17,059
1990	14,052	2,532	152						16,736
1989	13,892	2,467	130						16,489
1988	13,628	2,363	88						16,079
1987	14,007	2,341							16,348

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TABLE C  
 MN BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE  
 LICENSES/REGISTRATIONS ISSUED BY HEALTH PROFESSION

	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08
<b>PHYSICIANS</b>											
Federation Licensing Examination	108	103	108	114	83	67	68	55	36	46	48
Licentiate Medical Council Canada	28	20	25	15	12	21	16	13	10	12	21
National Board of Medical Examiners	283	205	230	166	165	136	125	110	90	115	127
National Board of Osteo Medical Examiners	36	34	48	40	50	38	24	20	22	10	13
COMLEX	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	20	21	43	43
State Examination	15	16	21	14	10	9	9	7	9	5	3
Examination Combination	58	63	46	41	26	14	27	17	14	16	19
United States Medical Licensing Examination	442	540	618	670	745	764	777	733	790	890	882
TOTAL LICENSED/REGISTERED	970	981	1096	1060	1091	1049	1064	975	992	1137	1156
PHYSICIAN RESIDENCY PERMITS	670	675	716	752	700	691	760	763	855	818	858
<b>PHYSICAL THERAPISTS</b>											
Assessment Systems Inc./Professional Examination Service	21	91									
National Physical Therapist Examination	182	124									
TOTAL LICENSED/REGISTERED	203	215	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>ATHLETIC TRAINERS</b>											
Equivalency	6	3	4	2	2	8	15	14	18	22	16
General Registration	61	43	52	59	51	51	44	37	40	38	33
Reciprocity	7	9	9	10	6	12	7	17	14	22	24
Transitional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LICENSED/REGISTERED	74	55	65	71	59	71	66	68	72	82	73
<b>PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS</b>											
National Commission on Certification of PAs	70	90	94	94	104	83	86	100	143	136	167
TOTAL LICENSED/REGISTERED	70	90	94	94	104	83	86	100	143	136	167
<b>RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS</b>											
Equivalency	67	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Registration	85	73	66	59	55	38	47	59	79	75	71
Reciprocity	31	48	45	36	55	45	39	36	43	48	50
TOTAL LICENSED/REGISTERED	183	122	113	95	110	83	86	95	122	123	121

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**LICENSES/REGISTRATIONS ISSUED BY HEALTH PROFESSION**

	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08
<b>ACUPUNCTURISTS</b>											
Equivalency	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Licensure	44	19	28	26	31	27	31	44	31	32	37
Reciprocity	2	6	3	4	4	2	4	1	4	6	6
<b>TOTAL LICENSED/REGISTERED</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>MIDWIVES</b>	0	0	3	6	1	1	0	5	2	1	1
<b>PROFESSIONAL FIRMS</b>	30	14	21	26	27	32	25	35	26	20	21
<b>TELEMEDICINE</b>						**59	27	51	51	60	43

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**TABLE D****STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE****NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED EACH YEAR**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Number of Complaints Received</b>	<b>Percent of Change From Previous Year</b>
2008	868	4.2
2007	832	8.2
2006	770	(1.3)
2005	780	(17)
2004	941	5.7
2003	890	6.5
2002	835	7
2001	775	.5
2000	771	(7)
1999	825	(9)
1998	907	(3)
1997	938	(10)
1996	1,039	(13)
1995	1,180	11
1994	1,054	(16)
1993	1,254	2
1992	1,226	23
1991	1,001	(3)
1990	1,025	26
1989	815	14
1988	714	22
1987	583	40
1986	415	83
1985	227	125
1984	101	9
1983	94	22
1982	77	4
1981	74	124
1980	33	

TABLE E

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS  
BY SOURCE

<u>COMPLAINT SOURCE</u>	<u>#OF COMPLAINTS</u>		<u>% OF TOTAL</u>	
	<u>FY 07</u>	<u>FY 08</u>	<u>FY 07</u>	<u>FY 08</u>
BMP License Renewal Form	43	73	5.0	8.2
BMP Application Form	1	0	.1	0
BMP Staff; EX. Anonymous	24	40	2.8	4.5
BMP Non-Compliance with Order	2	2	.2	.2
Family Member	108	129	12.7	14.4
Patient	342	323	40.0	36.0
Third Party	23	35	2.7	3.9
Courts	1	2	.1	.2
Professional Liability Settlements	101	106	11.9	11.2
Enforcement Agency	4	2	.5	.2
AGO	0	0	0	0
Peer Review Organization	1	0	.1	0
Pharmacists	0	1	0	.1
Federal DHHS	1	0	.1	0
Medical Examiner/Coroner	1	1	.1	.1
Department of Health	3	2	.4	.2
HPSP	32	45	3.8	5.0
MN Health Related Boards	7	4	.8	.4
Police/Sheriff Dept.	3	1	.4	.1
DHS	7	4	.8	.4
Drug Enforcement Agency	1	1	.1	.1
OHFC	13	7	1.5	.8
Medical Board Other-Federation-AMA	12	14	1.4	1.2
Medical Societies	0	0	0	0
Other Enforcement Agency	5	3	.6	.3
Health Care Institution	30	30	3.5	3.4
Licensed Health Professional	60	52	7.0	5.8
PADS	0	0	0	0
Self-Report	23	15	2.7	1.7
<b>TOTAL # OF COMPLAINANT CODES:</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>892</b>		

TABLE F

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<u>SUBJECTS OF COMPLAINTS</u>	<u>FY 07</u>	<u>FY 08</u>
D. Actions by another jurisdiction	39	28
G Incompetency/Unethical Conduct	709	752
K Unprofessional Conduct	703	729
L Illness	56	89
NJ Non-jurisdictional	20	19
O Medical Records	99	113
R Becoming Addicted	34	33
S Prescribing	288	280
T Sexual Misconduct	37	45
Miscellaneous	<u>146</u>	<u>235</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,131</b>	<b>2,323</b>

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<b><u>CAUSES OF BOARD ORDER</u></b>	<b><u>FY 07</u></b>	<b><u>FY 08</u></b>
Illness	24	26
Chemical dependency	22	20
License disciplined (other state)	2	1
Billing practices	0	0
Unprofessional conduct	16	10
Sexual misconduct with a patient	1	2
Unethical conduct	14	10
Improper management of medical records	9	6
Convicted of felony related to practice of medicine	0	2
Prescribing	8	3
Aiding & abetting unlicensed person to practice medicine/failure to supervise	1	1
Violating a Board rule, Federal law, and/or state law related to the practice of medicine	9	11
Delinquent taxes/student loans	3	2
Reporting obligation/failure to cooperate	2	6
Reinstatement of unconditional Medical license failure to qualify/ lapsed/practice without license	17	22
Fee splitting	3	11
Adjudication as MI/CD	0	0
Revealed privileged communication	0	0
False advertising	0	1
<b>TOTAL VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>134</b>

<b><u>TYPES OF BOARD ORDERS</u></b>	<b><u>FY 07</u></b>	<b><u>FY 08</u></b>
Amended order/civil penalty/restriction	14	9
Permanent/voluntary surrender	0	2
Reinstatement of unconditional license	17	22
Reprimand and civil penalty/restricted reprimand w/civil penalty/restricted reprimand/amended	22	31
Revoke license and revocation w/civil penalty	1	0
Stayed suspension/amended stayed	0	1
Suspended license including amended order	10	8
Temporary suspension	1	0
Other (injunction order)	0	1
<b>TOTAL ORDERS</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>74</b>

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**COMPLAINT INVENTORY**

Complaints on hand (6/30/07)	554
New complaints received (FY07)	832
Complaints dismissed/closed, including those resulting in Orders or Corrective Actions (07)	785
Complaints on hand (6/30/06)	507

TABLE I

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

**EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

	<u>FY 07</u>	<u>FY 08</u>
Corrective actions	9	8
Medical Coordinator Conferences	35	54
Complaint Review Committee Appearances which did not result in a Board Order	32	33