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Medical license count surges in Nevada; Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners credits streamlined protocols

RENO – NV The number of medical licenses issued in Nevada surged from 2023 to 2024, which the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) attributes to improved processes and says reflects the growth of quality health care statewide.

In data issued July 1, the Board said Silver State medical licenses now number 16,760, up 1,011 or 63% from a year earlier. The number of traditional, noncompact medical doctors' licenses issued during 2024's first six months is 493, up 93% from 256 a year earlier. Accounting for medical doctor license applications approved and awaiting registration payments, Nevada's number has jumped 113% from 2023.

Board Executive Director Edward Cousineau, J.D. said an interstate licensing compact and new graduates from Nevada's medical schools have helped boost Nevada's number of medical license seekers. More doctors and physician assistants, Cousineau said, have helped increase choices and access for Nevadans, improving overall care.

Other statistics:

- Interstate Compact Board-issued medical doctors licenses in Nevada increased 42% year to year and now account for 51.2% of the total medical doctors licenses issued.
- The Board issued 113 physician assistant licenses in 2024's first six months, up 53% from a year earlier.
- The Board issued 79 respiratory care licenses this year, more than doubling the 2023 total.
- The Board has issued 220 new limited licenses (medical school resident) for the 2024-25 postgraduate year, up 4% from 2023, and renewed 360 limited licenses, up 13% from 2023.

“The significant increase in licenses across all categories is a clear reflection that the Board staff are doing their job of expediting the licensing process without compromising the quality of healthcare to the public,” said Cousineau.

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The Board attributed the license increases to internal, streamlined protocols, licensing-quickenning timelines, and a larger Board staff to oversee licensing and the rise of telemedicine.

Cousineau said digital fingerprinting has made the licensing process faster and more efficient.

ABOUT THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners serves the State of Nevada by ensuring that only well-qualified, competent physicians, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, perfusionists and anesthesiologist assistants are licensed to practice in Nevada.

The Board responds expediently to complaints by conducting fair and thorough investigations that result in appropriate action. In all Board activities, the Board places the interests of the public before the interests of the medical profession, and encourages public input and involvement, as we work to improve the quality of medical practice in Nevada. For more information, please visit [Medical Examiners Board \(nv.gov\)](http://MedicalExaminersBoard.nv.gov).

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