

Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) Report to Health and Human Services Interim Committee – October 15th, 2014

Agenda item #4. Health Care Professions

The committee will review how the state provides oversight, education, and feedback to Utah’s health care professionals and facilities, including doctors, physician assistants, advance practice nurses, and naturopaths.

	MD	DO	PA	Nurses (inc. APRN)	ND
Licenses	9,179	655	1,150	34,707	55
Oversight	- No one may practice as an MD without qualifying for a license or license exemption under Utah Code 58-67.	- No one may practice as a DO without qualifying for a license or license exemption under Utah Code 58-68.	- No one may practice as a PA without qualifying for a license or license exemption under Utah Code 58-70a.	- No one may practice as an APRN without qualifying for a license or license exemption under Utah Code 58-31b.	- No one may practice as an ND without qualifying for a license or license exemption under Utah Code 58-71.
<p>Unprofessional and unlawful conduct are also listed under the chapter, DOPL’s umbrella chapter (58-1), and under the Controlled Substances Act (if the provider has prescribing authority), as well as under administrative rules promulgated in accordance with legislative mandate.</p> <p>Top 8 Complaints (based on complaints filed between January 1, 2013 and October 2, 2014, summarized for all professions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incompetence/negligence - Ethical standards - Overprescribing - Drug diversion - Probation violation - Unauthorized practice - Disciplinary action by other jurisdiction - Substance abuse 					
Education	- Graduate from accredited program - 24-month residency - Licensing/Board exam - 40 hours CE Every 2 Years	- Graduate from accredited program - 24-month residency - Licensing exam - 40 hours CE Every 2 Years	- Graduate from accredited program - Licensing exam - 40 hours CE Every 2 Years - Delegation of services agreement	- Graduate from accredited program - Licensing exam - 30 hours CE Every 2 Years - Consulting physician	- Graduate from accredited program - Licensing exam - 12-month residency - 48 hours CE Every 2 Years
Feedback	<p>Investigations may result in discipline through a hearing, citation, stipulated agreement, referral to another agency, or criminal prosecution, but often investigations can be resolved through other processes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interviews - Education - Private letters of concern - Verbal warnings - Written warnings - Voluntary compliance - Unfounded or no jurisdiction - Utah Recovery Assistance Program 				