



## **Biennial Report**

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024

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## BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

**The mission of the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners (MBCE) is to protect the public through effective licensure and enforcement of the statutes and rules governing the practice of chiropractic to ensure a standard of competent and ethical practice in the profession.**

### Report of the Executive Director

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The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners (MBCE) was established by legislative act on March 13, 1919. Minnesota Statutes sections 148.01-148.108 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 2500 give the board authority to regulate, license by examination and renewal, and investigate complaints.

### Licensing/Credentialing Services

The purpose of regulation through licensing is to set and enforce standards of competence and ethical practice and to ensure that persons licensed as Doctors of Chiropractic meet educational, examination, and continuing education standards. Staff process applications, verify compliance with statutory requirements, provide assistance and information to a variety of customers, and work in collaboration with other agencies at the state, federal, and national levels.

To meet these functions, the MBCE operates under five key service strategies:

- maintain an integrated database of licensee information, registrations, discipline, and complaints;
- publish information on the web, including licensure data, disciplinary orders, and rulemaking efforts;
- conduct regular board meetings where citizens may have input into the review of operations and rulemaking efforts;
- respond to public requests for information on chiropractors, continuing education sponsors, and licensee's status; and,
- manage funds soundly.

The Board accomplishes its core public safety and regulatory mission of Doctors of Chiropractic by:

- ensuring minimum entry-level competency through primary source verification of education and examination for initial licensure as a Doctor of Chiropractic and administering requirements and processes for renewal of licensure;
- enforcing standards of ethical practice and responding to inquiries, complaints and or reports regarding applicants or licensees;
- investigating complaints of alleged violations of statutes, holding educational and disciplinary conferences, and taking legal action when appropriate against licensees who are in violation of statutory standards of practice or who may otherwise pose a harm to the public as a result of improper or unethical practice;
- approving continuing education providers and auditing licensees' continuing education compliance; and,
- providing information about licensure and standards of practice through professional education outreach efforts, the Board's website, online license verification services, and telephone, mail, or email inquiry.

The Board provides core public safety services through the regulatory oversight of Doctors of Chiropractic, as noted in the strategies listed above, to ensure both high standards of chiropractic practice and excellent customer service. The Board provides services to the general public, consumers of chiropractic services, applicants and licensees, students and faculty in chiropractic academic programs, other state and local agencies, state and national professional chiropractic associations, and the national testing organization as well as the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards.

#### Discipline/Complaint Resolution Services

Staff, Board Members, and the Office of the Attorney General work collaboratively to review, investigate, and take action, as appropriate, in alleged violations against licensed Doctors of Chiropractic. When a licensee is determined to have engaged in conduct that is a violation of the statutes or rules the Board is empowered to enforce, an appearance before Board Members may occur. Licensees may enter into an agreement for corrective action with the Board's complaint panel or may become subject to disciplinary action, with such final action determined by the full Board. Either of these two remedies is public once completed. In addition, staff provides informational services to a variety of customers regarding the Board's statutory requirements and standards of practice, including how to file a complaint and the complaint resolution process. The Board also works with the Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP), the state's diversion program for regulated professionals who are impaired, as an additional method to ensure public protection.

#### Online Services

The Board maintains a robust website that includes the following: information on Board structure, meetings, and policies; licensing information, application forms, and online applications including renewals for nearly all licenses/registrations; information on continuing education programs and sponsors; access to specific statutes and rules directly impacting the profession; information on current emerging issues impacting the profession; information on access to the HPSP; and links to other related sites. The Board renews in excess of 5000 licenses and registrations every fiscal year. Since 2022, the Board has implemented 100% online renewals and is nearing 100% online new applications.

#### Key Activity Goals and Measures

The MBCE works to meet the Minnesota milestone of access to government information 24x7x365 through its self-service website. The MBCE works to protect the public from impaired or unethical practitioners by prompt investigation of complaints and resolution of disciplinary matters through educational conferences, corrective action agreements, board orders and/or contested case proceedings. The MBCE collaborates with other licensing boards and state agencies to create an efficient state government.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION – MINN. STAT. § 214.07, SUBD. 1B(5)****Board Members Serving During the Period 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Appointment Status</b>	<b>Appointment Date</b>	<b>Reappointment Date</b>	<b>Term Expiration Date</b>
Robert Daschner, DC	Faribault	Professional Member #1	4/22/2008	6/30/2012 6/27/2016 2/3/2021	1/6/2025
Derek Doty, DC	Shoreview	Professional Member #2	7/2/2019	5/3/2023	1/4/2027
Ridge Pidde, DC	Bloomington	Professional Member #3	9/13/2015	6/27/2016 6/29/2020	9/3/2022
Noel Fredericksen, DC	Forest Lake	Professional Member #3	5/3/2023	5/22/2024	1/3/2028
Richard Ottomeyer, DC	Forest Lake	Professional Member #4	2/16/2022	NA	1/5/2026
Nicole Zaret, DC	Golden Valley	Professional Member #5	6/29/2020	NA	2/21/2024
Cody Rodewald, DC	Lakeville	Professional Member #5	5/22/2024	NA	1/3/2028
Kim Hill	Woodbury	Public Member #1	7/2/2019	5/3/2023	1/4/2027
Nestor Riano	Roseville	Public Member #2	6/20/2015	7/2/2019	5/3/2023
Mary Syfax Noble	Shoreview	Public Member #2	5/3/2023	NA	1/4/2027

**Board Staff and Office Location**

- 1 Executive Director
- 1 Compliance Specialist
- 1 Administrative Specialist / Office Manager
- 1 Licensing Coordinator
- 1 Continuing Education Coordinator
- 1 General Support
- 1 Long-term Temporary Position (employed 2022-2023)

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## CREDENTIALS ISSUED OR RENEWED – MINN/ STAT/ § 214/07, SUBD/ 1B(1)

Total number of persons licensed or registered as of June 30, 2024: **5103**

### Number and Type of Credentials Issued or Renewed

License Type	Licensed or registered as of June 30, 2024	Licensed or registered as of June 30, 2022	Licensed or registered as of June 30, 2020	Licensed or registered as of June 30, 2018	Licensed or registered as of June 30, 2016	Licensed or registered as of June 30, 2014
Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)	3339	3388	3179	3286	3182	3069
Acupuncture Registration	690	667	667	658	649	668
Animal Chiropractic Registration	62	55	48	42	39	33
Independent Examiner Registration	32	38	41	45	48	51
Professional Firm Registration	950	940	966	938	936	901
Graduate Preceptor Registration	30	27	24	18	16	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5103</b>	<b>5115</b>	<b>4925</b>	<b>4969</b>	<b>4870</b>	<b>4737</b>

### Historical Renewal Data by Biennium

#### July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024

Type of License/Credential	Number of New Licenses	Number of Renewed Licenses	Number and Percent Renewed Online
Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)	252	6548	6545 (99%)
Acupuncture Registration	44	1326	1326 (100%)
Animal Chiropractic Registration	9	116	116 (100%)
Independent Examiner Registration	2	67	67 (100%)
Professional Firm Registration	89	1880	1873 (99%)
Graduate Preceptor Registration	NA	NA	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>9943</b>	<b>9927 (99%)</b>

#### July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022

Type of License/Credential	Number of New Licenses	Number of Renewed Licenses	Number and Percent Renewed Online
Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)	253	6637	6570 (99%)
Acupuncture Registration	43	1331	1331 (100%)
Animal Chiropractic Registration	13	103	97 (94%)
Independent Examiner Registration	2	75	75 (100%)
Professional Firm Registration	69	1885	1810 (96%)
Graduate Preceptor Registration	24	NA	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>10031</b>	<b>9883 (98/5%)</b>

**July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020**

Type of License/Credential	Number of New Licenses	Number of Renewed Licenses	Number and Percent Renewed Online
Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)	229	6496	6308 (97%)
Acupuncture Registration	32	1331	1289 (97%)
Animal Chiropractic Registration	5	87	87 (100%)
Independent Examiner Registration	2	73	68 (93%)
Professional Firm Registration	95	1865	1827 (98%)
Graduate Preceptor Registration	27	NA	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>9190</b>	<b>8941 (97%)</b>

**July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018**

Type of License/Credential	Number of New Licenses	Number of Renewed Licenses	Number and Percent Renewed Online
Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)	281	6421	6096 (95%)
Acupuncture Registration	35	1319	1259 (95%)
Animal Chiropractic Registration	7	85	84 (99%)
Independent Examiner Registration	10	80	76 (95%)
Professional Firm Registration	96	1847	1776 (96%)
Graduate Preceptor Registration	37	NA	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>9752</b>	<b>9291 (95%)</b>

**July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016**

Type of License/Credential	Number of New Licenses	Number of New Licenses	Number and Percent Renewed Online
Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)	287	6193	5818 (94%)
Acupuncture Registration	38	1315	1243 (95%)
Animal Chiropractic Registration	8	72	70 (97%)
Independent Examiner Registration	11	92	88 (96%)
Professional Firm Registration	143	1814	1712 (94%)
Graduate Preceptor Registration	41	NA	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>9486</b>	<b>8931 (94%)</b>

**July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014**

Type of License/Credential	Number of New Licenses	Number of Renewed Licenses	Number and Percent Renewed Online
Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)	259	5887	5254 (89%)
Acupuncture Registration	33	1316	1194 (91%)
Animal Chiropractic Registration	10	52	NA
Independent Examiner Registration	9	103	90 (87%)
Professional Firm Registration	237	1512	1387 (92%)
Graduate Preceptor Registration	26	NA	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>8870</b>	<b>7925 (89%)</b>

## COMPLAINT ACTIVITY – MINN/ STAT/ §214/07, SUBDS/ 1B(2), (3)

### Complaints Received and Closed by Biennium

Biennium	Total Number of Complaints Received	Open from Prior Biennium	Total Number of Complaints Closed
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024	175	0	155
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022	152	41	180
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020	269	not tracked	237
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018	248	not tracked	239
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016	289	not tracked	309
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014	402	not tracked	362

### Number of and Age of Complaints Open at the End of the Period

<b>Total Number of Complaints Open as of June 30, 2024</b>	<b>23</b>
Complaints open less than one year as of June 30, 2024	21
Complaints open greater than one year as of June 30, 2024	2

With regard to complaints more than one year old, the MBCE had several cases proceeding to contested case hearing, some of which are still pending at this time. The MBCE has other cases pending that will likely be contested. In several cases, the allegations and number of patients involved required an extensive review of multiple patient files. The Board has also had several cases referred to the Attorney General's Office for investigation, which, due to the complexity of the allegations, took many months to complete and some are still under investigation.

### Types of Complaints Received by Biennium

Basis for complaints*	Number alleging this basis in 2022-2024	Number alleging this basis in 2020-2022	Number alleging this basis in 2018-2020
Actions in Other Jurisdiction	3	5	8
Acupuncture Violations	2	0	1
Advertising	25	5	14
Animal Chiropractic	1	4	0
Application	37	51	50
Billing	17	14	29
Chemical Dependency	1	11	13
Conviction / Crime	7	9	2
Exploiting Patient for Financial Gain	11	1	6
Fee Splitting	2	0	2
Impairment Mental / Physical / Chemical	42	8	11
Independent Examiner Registration	0	0	2
Malpractice	1	1	1
Miscellaneous / Other	27	9	5
Petitions	0	5	7
Practicing Without a License	5	4	13
Professional Firms Violation	3	0	2
Recordkeeping - False / Inadequate / etc.	51	12	17
Unprofessional Conduct (UC)	121	79	76
Violation of a Board Order	7	3	11

\*Some complaints may allege more than one basis.

Due to the number and variation in types of unprofessional conduct, these complaints are further broken down in the table below.

Breakdown of Unprofessional Conduct (UC) complaints*	Number alleging this basis in 2022-2024	Number alleging this basis in 2020-2022	Number alleging this basis in 2018-2020
Advertising No-Out-Of-Pocket Expenses	2	4	11
Dishonest / Threatening / Misleading Fee	14	3	2
Fraud	5	5	6
Gross Ignorance / Incompetence	27	32	15
Sexual Misconduct	26	21	25
Unconscionable Fees / Services Not Rendered	9	2	3
Unethical, Deceptive	35	8	8
Unnecessary Services	3	4	6
Total	121	79	76

*\*Some complaints may allege more than one basis.*

## RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS & MAJOR FEES – MINN/ STAT §214/07, 1B(4)

### Total Receipts and Disbursements by Biennium

Biennium	Total Receipts	Total Disbursements
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024	\$1,633,549.75	\$1,780,602.46
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022	\$1,630,207.75	\$1,159,051.80
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020	\$1,633,229.14	\$859,640.79
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018	\$1,608,683.52	\$1,528,267.16
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016	*\$1,600,291.48	\$1,349,570.89
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014	*\$1,760,987.96	\$1,312,419.76

*\*Does not include 10% e-licensing surcharge collected from licensees but paid to MN.IT or fees for credit card transactions collected in part from licensees but paid to US Bank.*



**Fees by Type**

Type of Fee	Fee
Acupuncture Initial Application	\$100
Acupuncture Renewal – Active	\$50
Acupuncture Renewal – Inactive	\$25
Acupuncture Reinstatement – Active	\$100
Acupuncture Reinstatement – Inactive	\$50
Animal Chiropractic Initial Application	\$125
Animal Chiropractic Renewal – Active	\$75
Animal Chiropractic Renewal – Inactive	\$25
Civil Penalty	Up to \$10,000 per violation
Criminal Background Check	\$33.25
Copies	\$0.25 per page
Continuing Education Annual Sponsorship	\$500
Continuing Education Audit Penalty	Up to \$900 per failure
Continuing Education Individual Sponsorship	\$100
Doctor of Chiropractic Initial Application	\$250
Doctor of Chiropractic Renewal – Active	\$200
Doctor of Chiropractic Renewal – Inactive	\$150
Doctor of Chiropractic Renewal – Late Penalty	\$150 per month up to \$900
Doctor of Chiropractic Reinstatement – Inactive	\$100
Doctor of Chiropractic Reinstatement – Voluntarily Retired	\$100
Doctor of Chiropractic Reinstatement – Prior Year Renewal	\$200 per year
Doctor of Chiropractic Reinstatement – Prior Year Penalty	\$150 per month up to \$900
Duplicate License	\$10
Graduate Preceptor Initial Application	\$100
Independent Examiner Initial Application	\$150
Independent Examiner Renewal	\$100
Labels (partial or complete)	\$15 or \$150
License Verification	\$10
Lists (partial or complete)	\$10 or \$100
NSF Service Charge	\$25
Professional Firm Initial Application	\$100
Professional Firm Renewal	\$25
Professional Firm Renewal – Late Penalty	\$5 per month
Professional Firm Reinstatement – Prior Year Penalty	\$5 per month