

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

WHAT BOARDS DO

The State of Maryland regulates health care providers to protect and promote the health of its citizens. The health care providers who are regulated in Maryland are listed on the reverse page of this brochure. To regulate these providers, the State has established a Health Occupation Board for each profession. In some instances, a Board may regulate more than one health profession.

THE BOARDS:

- ◆ Ensure that the highest quality of health care is provided to the citizens of Maryland
- ◆ Include both consumers and health professional members
- ◆ Regulate individuals or corporations who practice or operate in Maryland
- ◆ Establish specific qualifications for education, training and experience for applicants who wish to practice a health occupation

WHAT CONSUMERS CAN DO



You can contact the Boards listed in this brochure to find out important information on your health care provider.

CONSUMERS CAN:

- ◆ Find out if your health care provider is licensed and in good standing and obtain information on the provider's education and training
- ◆ File a complaint against a health care provider. The Boards handle complaints concerning professional practice matters and standards of care
- ◆ Obtain a copy of the law and regulations of the Board and comment on health laws, regulations, policies or procedures

OTHER INFORMATION FOR FILING A COMPLAINT

If your complaint concerns a fee issue, it may not be under the Board's jurisdiction. For this type of complaint, contact the State of Maryland's Consumer Protection Division at (410) 576-6550.



Health Care Providers Regulated by the State of Maryland

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| Acupuncture | 410-764-4766 |
| Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists | 410-764-4725 |
| Chiropractors and Massage Therapists | 410-764-4726 |
| Dental | 410-402-8500 |
| Dietetic Practice | 410-764-4733 |
| Electrologists | 410-585-1900 |
| Morticians and Funeral Directors | 410-764-4792 |
| Nursing | 410-585-1900 |
| Nursing Home Administrators | 410-764-4750 |
| Occupational Therapy | 410-402-8560 |
| Optometry | 410-764-4710 |
| Pharmacy | 410-764-4755 |
| Physical Therapy | 410-764-4752 |
| Physician | 410-764-4777 |
| Podiatrists | 410-764-4785 |
| Professional Counselors, | 410-764-4732 |
| Marriage and Family Therapists and Alcohol and Drug Counselors | 410-764-4735 |
| Psychology | 410-764-4787 |
| Residential Child Care | 410-764-5996 |
| Social Work | 410-764-4788 |
| Kidney Disease Commission | 410-764-4799 |



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A Consumer's Guide To Health Occupation Boards and Commission

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