National Practitioner Data Bank
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Agenda

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► **NPDB Reports**

► **Querying**

► **Additional Information**

► **Resources**

General Overview

Mission: To improve health care quality, protect the public, and reduce health care fraud and abuse in the United States.

Created to meet several needs:

- ►Flagging system for effective credential reviews
- ►Protection against unfit practitioners
- ►Deter fraud and abuse in the health care system

General Overview

Types of Information Collected

► Medical malpractice judgments and settlements.

► Adverse licensing and certification actions.

► Clinical privileges actions.

► Health plan contract terminations.

► Professional society membership actions.

► Negative actions/findings from private accreditation organizations and peer review organizations.

► Government administrative actions, e.g. exclusions from programs.

► Civil and criminal health care-related judgments.

General Overview

Aggregate Data

1.5+ million REPORTS

24 thousand ENTITIES

784 thousand PRACTITIONERS

2019 Data

82+ thousand REPORTS

9.3 million QUERIES
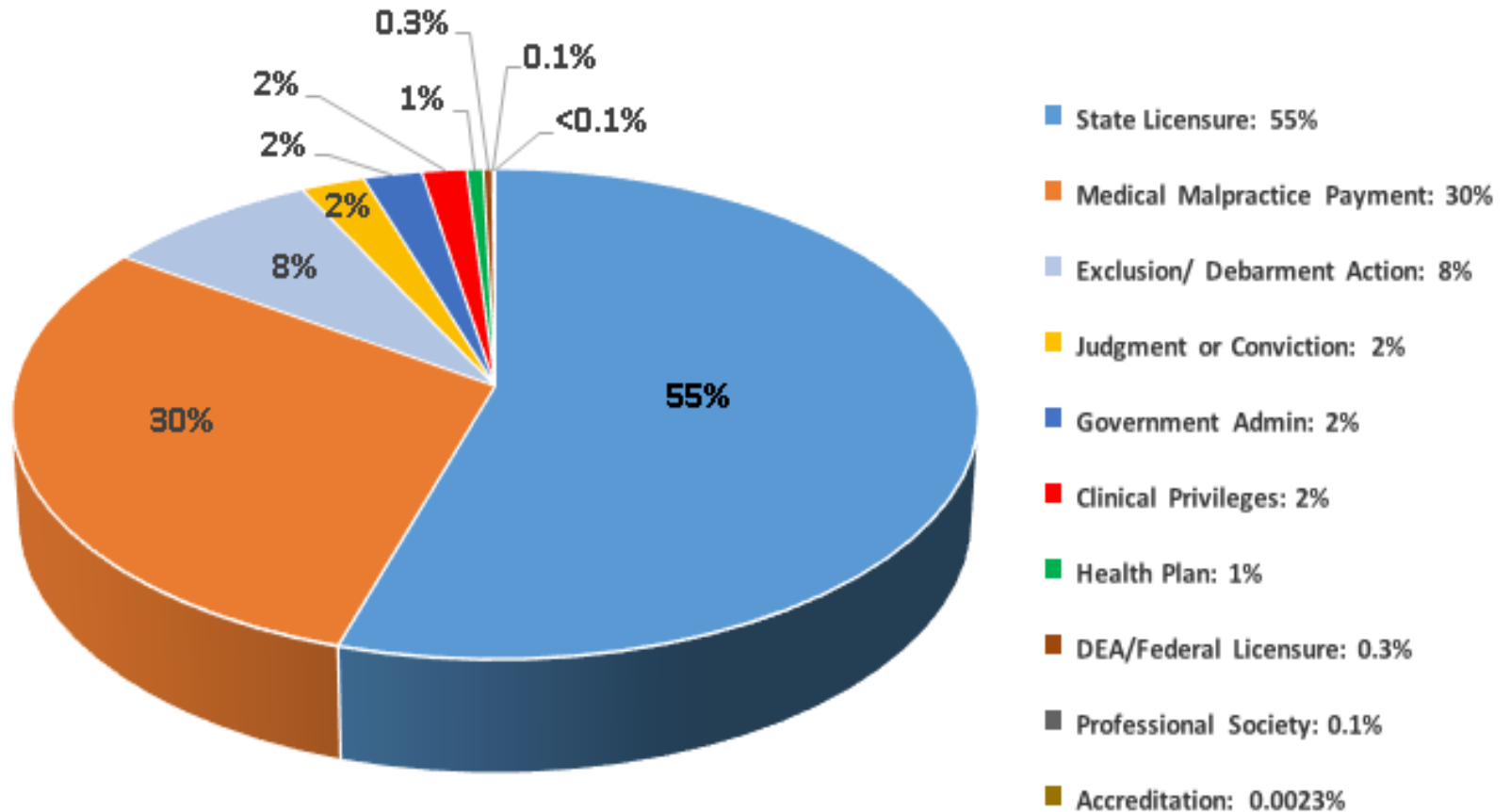
1.9 million DISCLOSURES

General Overview

Confidentiality

►Information reported to the NPDB is confidential, not available to the general public, and may not be disclosed except as provided by law.

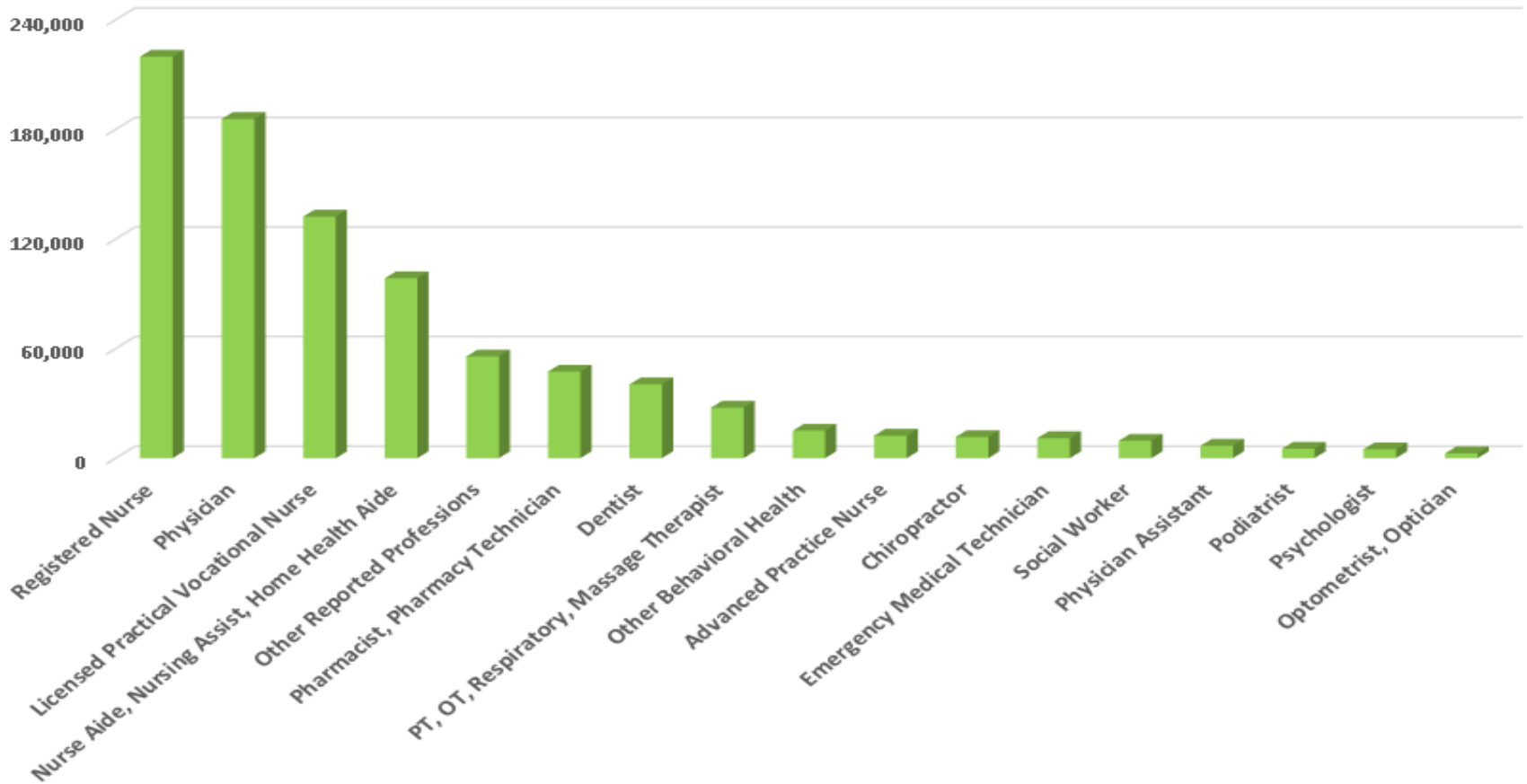►Penalty up to $23,331 per confidentiality violation. Changes with inflation.

NPDB Reports by Type (N = 1.55M)

As of December 31, 2019

Legend:
- State Licensure: 55%
- Medical Malpractice Payment: 30%
- Exclusion/ Debarment Action: 8%
- Judgment or Conviction: 2%
- Government Admin: 2%
- Clinical Privileges: 2%
- Health Plan: 1%
- DEA/Federal Licensure: 0.3%
- Professional Society: 0.1%
- Accreditation: 0.0023%

Reports on Individuals by Profession

2010 – 2019 (N = 914,000)

Queries

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Recovering Costs

► By law, the NPDB must recover the full cost of operations. It does so by collecting fees for each query.

► Fees are examined every 2 years; last modified in October 2016.

Types of Transactions

► Reporting (no charge).

► Querying (by hospitals and health care organizations):

- **$2** for a one-year continuous query subscription.
- **$2** for a one-time query.

► Self-Query: **$4.**

Continuous Query

Using Continuous Query

Requires the same practitioner information

Subscribers continue using their subject databases

Fee: $2.00 per enrollee per year

► No separate query fee

► Upon enrollment, receive the same report information as a one-time query response

► Continuously queries the NPDB and notifies subscribers of any new reports

► No need to re-query for reappointments or temporary privileges extensions

Resources

NPDB Website

NPDB Guidebook

The Guidebook is NPDB's policy manual containing detailed information to help health care entities understand and comply with reporting requirements.

http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/resources/aboutGuidebooks.jsp

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Is It Reportable?

Should a medical malpractice payment made exclusively for the benefit of a clinic, hospital, or other health care entity be reported?

No. Medical malpractice payments made solely for the benefit of a clinic, hospital, or other health care entity should not be reported to the NPDB. However, a payment made for the benefit of a professional corporation or business entity consisting only of a sole practitioner is reportable to the NPDB.

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📰 Topics

Is It Reportable?

New Querying Infographics Available

Hospital Registration Renewal Updates and New Hospital Web Page

Data on the Website

- Public Use File

- Data Analysis Tool

- Statistical Table and Trends

- Updated Quarterly

- **http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/**

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