



Iowa Dental Board

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Protecting & Improving
the Health of Iowans



Did you know the practice of dentistry dates back to Egyptian times? A tomb from 2600 BC marks the death of Hsy-Re, known as the “greatest to deal with teeth.” We have come a long way since those ancient days. Today, dentistry involves preventative, restorative and even cosmetic care.

The Iowa Dental Board helps keep Iowans healthy by making sure only qualified dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants practice in Iowa. By licensing health professionals and establishing standards for practitioners, Iowans can be confident they are receiving competent care.

Did you know? There are 2,238 licensed dentists, 2,398 licensed dental hygienists and 4,277 registered dental assistants in Iowa.

Why is the Iowa Dental Board important to protecting and improving the health of Iowans?

- All Iowans deserve ethical and safe dental care from competent and qualified practitioners.
- Setting rules for practitioners ensures that minimum standards are met. Licensing is an effective way to keep untrained and dishonest individuals from practicing dentistry, dental hygiene or dental assisting in Iowa.

Which Iowa Public Health Goals are we working to achieve?

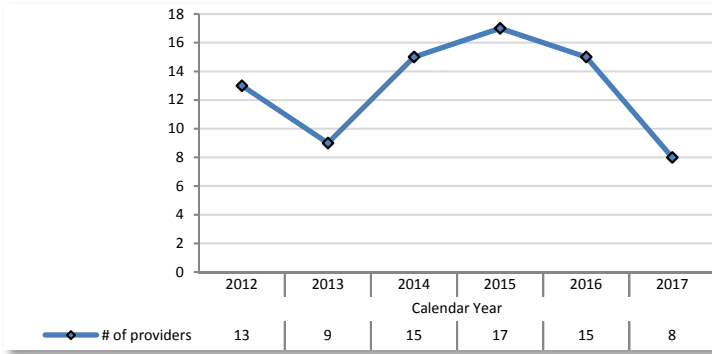
Strengthen the health infrastructure

What do we do?

- License health professionals.
- Adopt rules and establish standards for practitioners.
- Enforce Iowa laws, which regulate the practice of dentistry.
- Investigate complaints about health professionals.
- Discipline health professionals who break the law.
- Monitor disciplined and impaired (e.g., substance abuse, mental health problems) professionals so they can return to practice as soon as it is safe.
- Provide licensure and discipline data to the public.
- Educate professional groups, students and the public.
- Watch national health care trends to see how they might apply to Iowa.

How do we measure our progress?

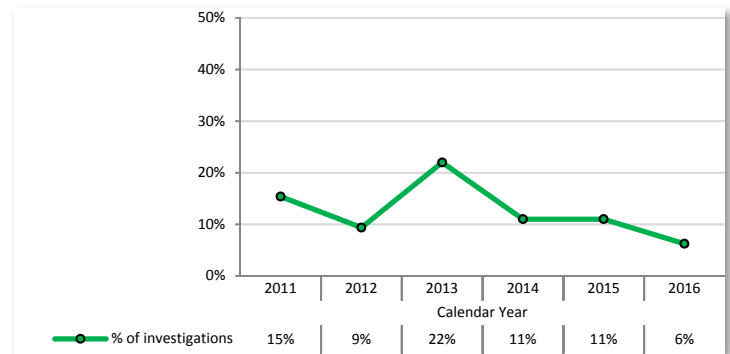
1 Number of practitioners participating in the Iowa practitioner recovery program.



Data Source: Manual counts. Data are available annually.

How are we doing? During 2017, there were eight practitioners participating in our IPRC program.

2 Percent of investigations resulting in formal discipline.



Data Source: Board manual counts. Data are available annually.

How are we doing? Out of 150 complaints filed in 2016, six resulted in formal discipline.

What can Iowans do to help?

1. All Iowans can learn more about the Iowa Dental Board by going to www.dentalboard.iowa.gov.
2. Health professionals should learn how to comply with Iowa laws.
3. Health professionals can learn how to use the programs created to help impaired or potentially impaired professionals. For more information, go to www.dentalboard.iowa.gov/iprc/index.html.

Expenditures

Retained fees*: K19-2062

	State Fiscal Year 2016 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2017 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2018 Estimate
State funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other funds*	\$1,050,040	\$1,080,142	\$1,197,510
Total funds	\$1,050,040	\$1,080,142	\$1,197,510
FTEs	7.90	7.53	8.00

Note: Funding information is intended to provide an overview of funding related to the program area. It does not include all federal and state requirements and/or restrictions for the use of funds. Contact the program area for more detailed budget information.