



MEMORANDUM

DATE	August 15, 2024
TO	Board Members
FROM	Machiko Chong Licensing Program Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #9 – Licensing Program Summary <i>Attachments 9a & 9b</i>

Licensing Statistics

Attachments 9a & 9b provide a snapshot of the licensing population and application stats for the 2023 – 24 Fiscal Year. There are currently 15,840 licensed osteopathic physicians and surgeons; 967 postgraduate training licensees (PTL); and 1,314 fictitious name permits. We've seen a 22% increase in the receipt of physician and surgeon applications and an 18% increase overall of all applications received by the Board. Although the stats show a slight decrease in the number of approved applications much of that is due in part to the applicant deficiencies which have still not been satisfied by prospective licensees.

Online Services

The Board has continued working closely with DCA's Portfolio Governance Council (PGC) to create and implement an online database similar to MBC's DOCS Portal. This portal would allot for the secured submission of electronic primary source documentation needed to obtain licensure and facilitate board staff with an electronic repository for documents that have been received but are pending the submission of a licensure application. The Board's request is currently awaiting completion of an Impact Assessment by the PGC Leadership Review Council (LRC).

Recently, OMBC has been in contact with VeriDoc Inc. a national licensure verification system, to establish a contract which would authorize VeriDoc Inc. to transmit license verifications for licensees on behalf of the Board to alternate agencies. Discussions are still in their infantile phase; however, I believe this transition will be very beneficial for the Board and its processes.