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### **NMMB Physician Active License Information:**

The New Mexico Medical Board (NMMB) is a regulatory and licensing agency charged by statute to ensure that physicians and other licensed medical professionals are qualified, competent, and practice safely and ethically. The NMMB licenses and regulates physicians and other health care professionals within its jurisdiction.

The Board's licensing data are designed to fulfill these regulatory functions and **should not be interpreted as a census of physicians who are physically practicing in New Mexico.**

While the number of physicians holding active New Mexico licenses has continued to increase, it is important to recognize that the **number of active licenses does not necessarily correspond to the number of physicians physically practicing in the state.**

Physicians may maintain a New Mexico license while practicing in another state, practicing primarily through other jurisdictions or telemedicine, or otherwise not actively providing direct patient care in New Mexico. Consequently, NMMB licensing data provides a measure of the Board's workload and the number of individuals authorized to practice, **but they should not be used alone to determine the size of New Mexico's active physician workforce.**

Physicians only need one active state license to practice at a Veterans Administration Facilities, certain Department of Defense / Military Health Systems, Indian Health Services, and other Federal Facilities anywhere in the country. Many of these physicians choose New Mexico as their state of licensure because of the relatively low cost of the license and quick licensure turnaround by the NMMB including an expedited licensure process instituted by HB 384 in 2023.

For example, a physician with an "active license":

- May only work 1 day a week.
- May be working and living full time in another state and keep their NM license active as they might want to practice again in NM at some point in time.
- May provide only telemedicine services such as radiology.
- May work 1-2 weeks in NM every few years as locum tenens.
- May not provide any direct patient care (such as insurance reviews or medical director duties) but are still required to keep an active NM medical license per our statutes.



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NMMB current data regarding active licenses with NM addresses:

The number of licensed active physicians (MD and DO)

FY24- Licensed active physicians (MD) 8,654 (DO) 886 **Active with NM Addresses 4,496**  
FY25- Licensed active physicians (MD) 9,979 (DO) 1,082 **Active with NM Addresses 4,155**  
FY26- Licensed active physicians (MD) 11,325 (DO) 1,324 **Active with NM Addresses 5,077**

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