

Iowa Department of Public Health

Bureau of Professional Licensure

Iowa Board of Respiratory Care

Annual Report 2022

**Number of active licensees on October 3, 2022: 3,670**

Polysomnographic Technologist – 1,722  
Respiratory Care and Polysomnography Practitioner – 100  
Respiratory Care Practitioner – 1,848

This table summarizes the numbers of complaints the Iowa Board of Respiratory Care has both received and closed during the last calendar year.

	Totals
Number of Complaints Received	4
Number of Formal Actions	0
Number of Cases Closed	2
2022 Total Board Expenditures	\$86,565
Average Revenues Collected FY21 & FY22	\$115,061
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$28,496

Typically, the number of cases received and the number of cases closed will not be the same. Various factors including the amount of investigation time affects board review and case closure.

The Board opens a new case on each complaint it receives. Complaints may be submitted by clients, licensees, employers, or any member of the public. When appropriate, complaints are opened administratively.

Cases are closed by the Board following an investigation to determine if the action of a licensee has placed the public at risk. In each case, the Board considers the nature of the complaint and evidence presented. Investigative time varies based on case complexity and available resources. Complainants are notified that an investigation may take several months. Factors that impact the length of an investigation include the availability of the licensee, complainant, or witnesses for interview, simultaneous criminal investigations, and the request of the Board for additional information required to make a fair and informed decision.

Iowa Code Chapter 272C.6(4) requires that all complaint files, investigation files, investigative reports, and other investigative information in the possession of the licensing board which relate to licensee discipline are privileged and confidential, and or not subject to discovery, subpoena or other means of legal compulsion for release to a person other than the licensee and the Board.

Formal actions are public actions that are posted on the board's web site. Examples of formal actions include license revocation, suspension, voluntary surrender, settlements and final decisions, emergency adjudicative orders, and consent agreements. All formal actions are retained in the licensee's permanent record.

Informal actions are confidential actions that the Board is authorized by law to impose at its discretion following a thorough review of the case and evidence presented. In such cases, the Board has determined that the risk to the public has not risen to the level of a formal public action. Informal actions are confidential, non-public communications with the licensee regarding the Board's decision about a particular complaint. There are two categories of informal action: (1) Close a case with a letter of education, and (2) Close a case with a letter of warning. Letter of education and warning are retained in the licensee's permanent record.

**NOTE:** If there are less than 10 cases in the informal action category, the category will note "<10" to preserve the confidentiality of licensees and intent of the informal action category.

Additional information about the complaint process and a copy of the complaint form may be found on each board's web page. Link to [www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure). Select a Board and click on Discipline and Public Actions from the drop-down list.