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I. 932 Investigative Files Opened During CY 1999

The investigations initiated by the board were based upon complaints and reports received from a variety of sources including patients, health care practitioners, health facilities, insurance providers, law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, as well as the general public. The board closed a total of 351 investigative files during calendar year 1999.

II. 38 Formal Disciplinary Actions Initiated in CY 1999

The formal disciplinary actions commenced by the board or during calendar year 1999 covered a wide range of violations of state law and board rules. The majority of these actions concerned quality of care, physician impairments, and unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or osteopathy.

III. 85 Sanctions Issued in CY 1999

The formal and informal sanctions issued by the board in calendar year 1999 include:

License revocations	3
License suspensions	8
License surrenders	7
License probations	12
Civil penalties	8
License practice restrictions	2
Citation & Warnings	9
*Letters of warning and	21
*Letters of education	15

(* Denotes Informal sanction)

The board also referred two matters for cease and desist letters for the unlicensed practice of medicine.

IV. Peer Review Program in CY 1999

The Board registered 25 new peer reviewers in CY 1999. The board utilizes peer review committees to evaluate investigative reports, medical records and other pertinent material. Reports and recommendations made by the peer review committees are considered by the board when determining if a disciplinary action should be initiated against a licensee. The board's peer review committees are:

Anesthesiology	6	Radiology	1
Cardiology	2	Surgery	5
Dermatology	2	Thoracic Surgery	1
Emergency Medicine	4	Vascular Surgery	1
Ear, Nose, Throat	3		
Family Practice	24	Total	85
Hematology / Oncology	3		
Internal Medicine	5		
Neurology	2		
Obstetrics / Gynecology	9		
Ophthalmology	4		
Orthopedic Surgery	3		
Pediatrics	2		
Plastic Surgery	3		
Psychiatry	5		