



# Iowa Board of Pharmacy

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Protecting & Improving  
the Health of Iowans



A doctor may write the prescription to treat what ails you, but it's up to your local pharmacist to fill that prescription to the exact specifications of the prescriber. Pharmacists play a critical role in protecting the health of Iowans. The Iowa Board of Pharmacy assures the public that only qualified, competent pharmacists practice in Iowa.

The Iowa Board of Pharmacy strives to issue licenses and registrations quickly and efficiently. In addition, the board receives and investigates complaints from Iowans, and when necessary, disciplines pharmacists and other regulated licensees who have broken the law.

With more than 3,600 licensed pharmacists in Iowa, the Board of Pharmacy works to ensure each provides quality health services to Iowans.

**Did you know?** There are more than 3,600 licensed pharmacists in Iowa.

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

- The Iowa Board of Pharmacy licenses pharmacists and other pharmacy professionals to ensure Iowans receive competent, qualified care.
- The Iowa Board of Pharmacy helps pharmacists who are battling addiction. Research shows that monitoring programs for impaired pharmacists are highly effective in reducing relapse.
- Licensure is an effective way to keep untrained and unethical individuals from practicing pharmacy in Iowa.

## Which Iowa Public Health Goals are we working to achieve?

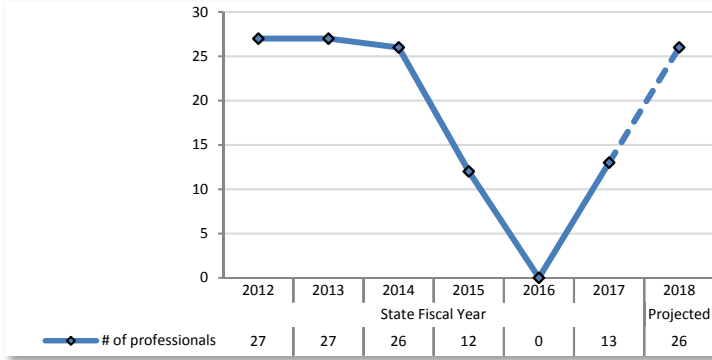
Strengthen the health infrastructure

## What do we do?

- License pharmacies, pharmacists and other health professionals.
- Investigate complaints about health professionals.
- Discipline health professionals who have broken the law.
- Provide licensure and discipline data to the public, employers and credentialers.
- Monitor disciplined and impaired health professionals so they can return to practice as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Speak to professional groups, students and the public.
- Ensure the safe distribution of effective prescription drugs in Iowa.

## How do we measure our progress?

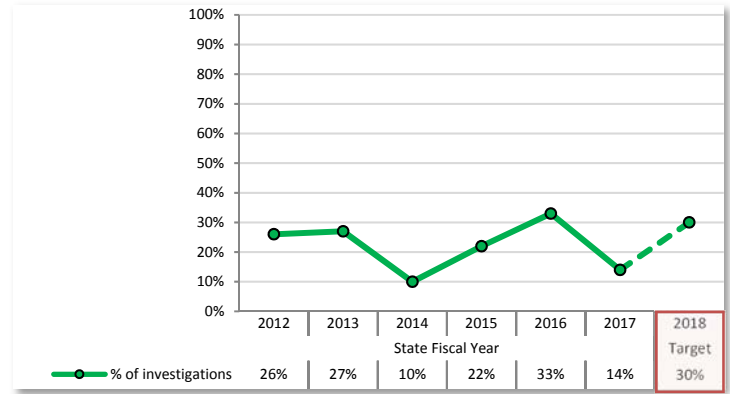
### 1 Number of professionals participating in the Iowa Monitoring Program for Pharmacy Professionals (IMP3).



Data Source: Manual counts. Data is available annually.

**How are we doing?** The former Iowa Pharmacy Recovery Network (IPRN) transitioned to the IMP3 in 2016. At the end of fiscal year 2017, the new IMP3 is monitoring 13 professionals and anticipates that number may double by the end of the 2018 fiscal year.

### 2 Percent of investigations resulting in formal discipline.



Data Source: Board database. Data is available annually.

**How are we doing?** The percentage of investigations resulting in formal discipline during fiscal year 2017 was nearly 14 percent.

## What can Iowans do to help?

1. All Iowans can contact the Iowa Board of Pharmacy to verify that a pharmacist license is in good standing. For information, call 515-281-5944 or check the board's online verifications at <https://pharmacy.iowa.gov/miscellaneous/verifications>.
2. Health professionals can learn about ethics and rules.
3. Health professionals and their employers can go to <https://pharmacy.iowa.gov/misc/iowa-monitoring-program-pharmacy-professionals-imp3> to learn how to use the program created to help impaired or potentially impaired professionals.

## Expenditures

Retained fees\*: K19-2092

	State Fiscal Year 2016 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2017 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2018 Estimate
State funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other funds*	\$2,271,340	\$2,479,395	\$3,950,839
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>\$2,271,340</b>	<b>\$2,479,395</b>	<b>\$3,950,839</b>
FTEs	14.09	14.90	16.00

**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.