



NABP Disciplinary Clearinghouse and HIPDB Reporting

Instituted more than 50 years ago, and computerized in 1984, the NABP Disciplinary Clearinghouse database was created to assist the boards of pharmacy in making informed licensure-transfer decisions.

- ✓ The Clearinghouse:
 - serves as a national database of licensure and disciplinary information on pharmacists licensed by the boards, pharmacy technicians, assistants, and interns;
 - includes information on pharmacies and wholesale distributors; and
 - assists the state boards in assessing the acceptability and qualifications of candidates requesting the transfer of pharmacist licenses into their jurisdiction.
- ✓ Accurate and timely reporting to the NABP Clearinghouse by the state boards:
 - is essential to maintaining the integrity of the licensure transfer process among the states;
 - is required by the NABP Constitution and Bylaws; and
 - allows the boards to maintain the integrity of patient safety as a whole.
- ✓ Timely reporting to the NABP Clearinghouse allows the state boards to meet their Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) reporting obligations.
 - HIPDB is an alert or flagging system intended to facilitate a comprehensive review of the pharmacist professional credential.
 - 30 state boards designate NABP as their reporting agent for purposes of reporting final adverse actions on pharmacists to the HIPDB.
- ✓ For state boards that have designated NABP as their reporting agent for HIPDB:
 - the board reports disciplinary actions to NABP electronically;
 - the board maintains a copy of the database for its use; and
 - NABP will transmit all records to HIPDB for the board and provide regular feedback.
- ✓ For the purposes of maintaining the Clearinghouse, state boards that have not designated NABP as their reporting agent for HIPDB must still report disciplinary actions to NABP, and are responsible for reporting to HIPDB on their own.
 - The board will receive monthly Clearinghouse reports from NABP.
- ✓ Reporting initial disciplinary actions and follow-up actions is pivotal to maintaining accurate information about the current status of the subjects it describes.
- ✓ All boards that have reported disciplinary actions receive monthly reports. Reports include:
 - State of discipline
 - Pharmacist demographics
 - The disciplinary action
 - Basis for the discipline
 - Duration of the action