

NHP/NHIC-Reporting to the Proper Authorities

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State of Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing

NHP/NHIC shall mail a copy of all reports submitted to the NPDB-HIPDB to the State within 15 days from the date the adverse action was taken. NHP/NHIC shall submit a written complaint to the State regarding all serious quality deficiencies of practitioners/providers for further investigation by the State.

National Practitioner Data Bank -Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank

NHP/NHIC will report to the NPDB-HIPDB in compliance with Title IV of Public Law 99-660, the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986. NHP/NHIC must report:

- A. Any professional review adverse action taken against a physician or dentist lasting more than 30 days based on reasons related to professional competency or professional conduct that results in loss of clinical privileges (i.e. right to participate in NHP/NHIC's Network) or
- B. When a practitioner voluntarily terminates their participation while under investigation for possible professional incompetence or improper professional conduct or
- C. When a practitioner voluntarily terminates their participation, in return for not conducting such an investigation or taking a professional review action.

NHP/NHIC may report the same on other health care practitioners.

Communication to the NPDB-HIPDB is completed after the practitioner has exhausted their right to appeal as outlined under Fair Hearing and Appellate Review Process.

The Manager of the Medical Staff Services Department is to be designated as the entity representative to submit reports to the NPDB-HIPDB.

Reports are to be completed by using the report form available on the NPDB-HIPD's

website. The report is printed and sent by certified mail to the State of Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing within 15 days from the date the adverse action was taken. The report is sent electronically to the NPDB-HIPD through the NPDB-HIPDB web site within 30 days from the date the adverse action was taken. (Refer to NPDB-HIPDB Guidebook or to NPDB-HIPDB Help line 1-800-767-6732 for detailed instructions)