

Board Autonomy/Decision-Making Authority

SMB	Independent Authority	Semi-Independent Authority	Advisory Authority	Explanation if Semi-Independent
AK	X	—	—	
AL	X	—	—	
AR	X	—	—	
AZ-M	X	—	—	
AZ-O	X	—	—	
CA-M	X	—	—	
CA-O	X	—	—	
CO	X	—	—	
CT	—	X	X	The Board has no budget and is dependent on investigators and lawyers from the DPH to probe cases and work the legal process with regard to the discipline of licensees. The board has advisory authority with regard to the credentialing of licensees. The Connecticut Department of Public Health has independent authority.
DC	X	X	—	While the Board has independent authority in regulating the professions assigned to it, the Department of Health handles all administrative functions and decisions, as well as rulemaking (with the advice of the Board)
DE	X	—	—	
FL-M	—	X	—	The board is under umbrella agency that is responsible for licensing functions, complaint intake, investigations, prosecution
FL-O	—	X	—	The board is under umbrella agency that is responsible for licensing functions, complaint intake, investigations, prosecution
GA	X	—	—	
GU	X	—	—	
HI	X	—	—	
IA	X	—	—	
ID	X	—	—	
IL	—	—	X	
IN	—	—	—	The board falls under an umbrella agency. All staff are employed by professional agency
KS	X	—	—	
KY	X	—	—	
LA	X	—	—	
MA	X	—	—	
MD	—	X	—	Administrative issues (budget, personnel, space) are handled by another agency
ME-M	X	—	—	
ME-O	X	—	—	
MI-M	—	X	—	The board is responsible for setting standards for applicants for licensure and issuing disciplinary sanctions for violations of the law; state staff review applications and issue licenses and investigate allegations
MI-O	—	X	—	
MN	X	—	—	
MO	—	X	—	Budget and legislative issues require Governor's approval
MP	X	—	—	
MS	X	—	—	
MT	—	X	—	The board makes or delegates licensing decisions and sets standards; state department sets its own processes/policies. Legislation and administrative rule proposals must be reviewed and approved by Department.
NC	X	—	—	
ND	X	—	—	
NE	—	X	—	The board is primarily advisory to the Department of Health and Human Services but has some decision-making authority
NH	X	—	—	
NJ	X	—	—	
NM	X	—	—	
NV-M	X	—	—	
NV-O	X	—	—	
NY	X (PMC)	—	X (BM)	
OH	X	—	—	
OK-M	X	X	—	Because of NC/FTC Ruling – Oklahoma AG has final approval on all actions
OK-O	X	—	—	
OR	X	—	—	
PA-M	—	X	—	The board is under the umbrella agency of the Department of State
PA-O	—	X	—	
PR	X	—	—	
RI	—	X	—	Director of Health has emergency powers to protect the public (may suspend a license). The Director may also make rules and regulations.
SC	X	—	—	
SD	X	—	—	
TN-M	—	X	—	The board is under the Department of Health
TN-O	—	X	—	The board is under the Department of Health
TX	X	—	—	
UT-M	—	—	X	
UT-O	—	—	X	
VA	—	X	—	The board sits in the Department of Health Professions which provides investigative, administrative, fiscal and other services to all boards in the department. DHP controls the board's funds.
VI	X	—	—	
VT-M	—	X	—	The board's work licensing and deciding cases is independent, but Commissioner of Health has some powers, e.g., appoint Executive Director
VT-O	X	—	—	
WA-M	X	—	—	Commission has authority granted by the legislature. Relies on umbrella agency for support in IT, HR, facilities. Works collaboratively with Secretary of Health.
WA-O	X	—	—	
WI	—	X	—	Part of umbrella agency with budget, personnel and other duties under department purview
WV-M	X	—	—	
WV-O	X	—	—	
WY	—	X	—	Regulations are reviewed by Governor, Attorney General's Office, Legislative Service Office, and Legislative Management Council