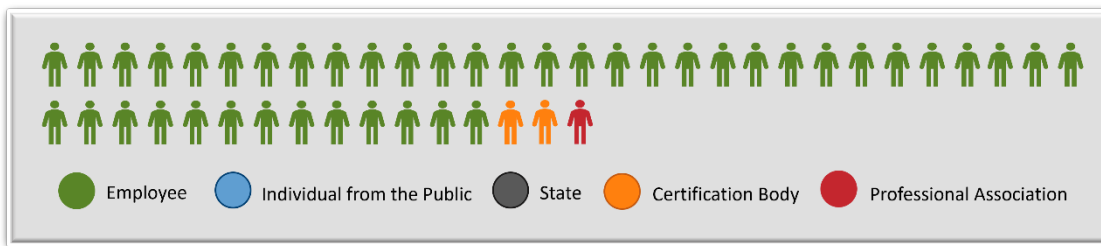


VA STANDARD OF PRACTICE FOR THERAPEUTIC MEDICAL PHYSICISTS Comment Count Report

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is establishing VA's standard of practice for Therapeutic Medical Physicists (TMPs); this will be a standardized set of services that all VA TMPs can perform if their VA medical facility performs such services and they have the education, training, and skill to perform the services.

On March 14, 2023, VA posted the proposed VA standard of practice for TMPs on the Federal Register ([88 FR 15855](#)) for public comment and within VA's intranet for VA employee comment. VA also sent letters to the national certification and standards bodies (American Association of Physicists in Medicine, American Board of Radiology, American Board of Medical Physics, and Canadian College of Physicists in Medicine), and State licensing boards for TMPs with the proposed VA standard of practice and an opportunity for them to comment directly to VA on the proposed standard. VA requested that all comments on the Federal Register, VA's intranet site, and from the States be provided within 60 days. The comment period closed on May 15, 2023, and VA received 46 comments in total.



VA received 43 comments from VA employees, 1 comment from the American Association of Physicists in Medicine, 1 comment from the American Board of Radiology, and 1 comment from the American Board of Medical Physics. As of May 15, 2023, VA received comments from 0 out of the 4 State licensing boards for TMPs; however, VA will continue to actively engage with States.

VA will review all comments received and make appropriate revisions to the VA standard of practice for TMPs in light of the comments, to include those that help VA meet its mission and goals through evidence-based practice and alternatives.

VA will post a collective response to all comments in a final report on <https://www.va.gov/standardsofpractice> once the VA standard of practice for TMPs is published in Veterans Health Administration Directive 1900, which will be available at <https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?pub=1>.