

# **Connecting Wisconsin's Nursing Workforce to Organizational Decisions and Health Policy**

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Our mission is to promote economic growth and stability while protecting the citizens of Wisconsin.

Our vision is to utilize our expertise to keep the citizens of Wisconsin safe and move the state forward.





# **DSPS DIVISIONS**

Division of Industry Services

Division of Legal Services & Compliance

Division of Performance & Management

Division of Professional Credential Processing

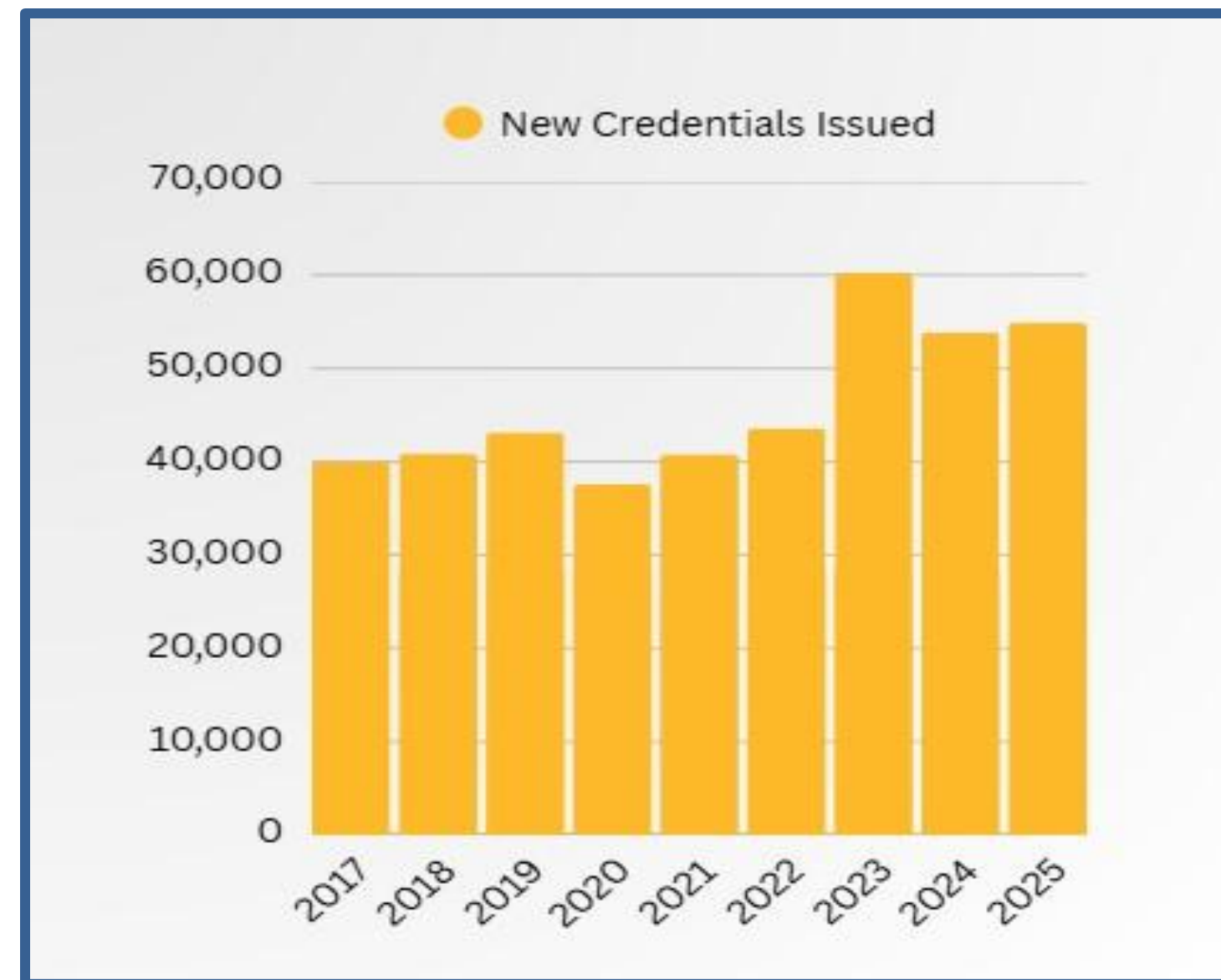
Division of Policy Development



# DSPS Success

## New Credentials Issued

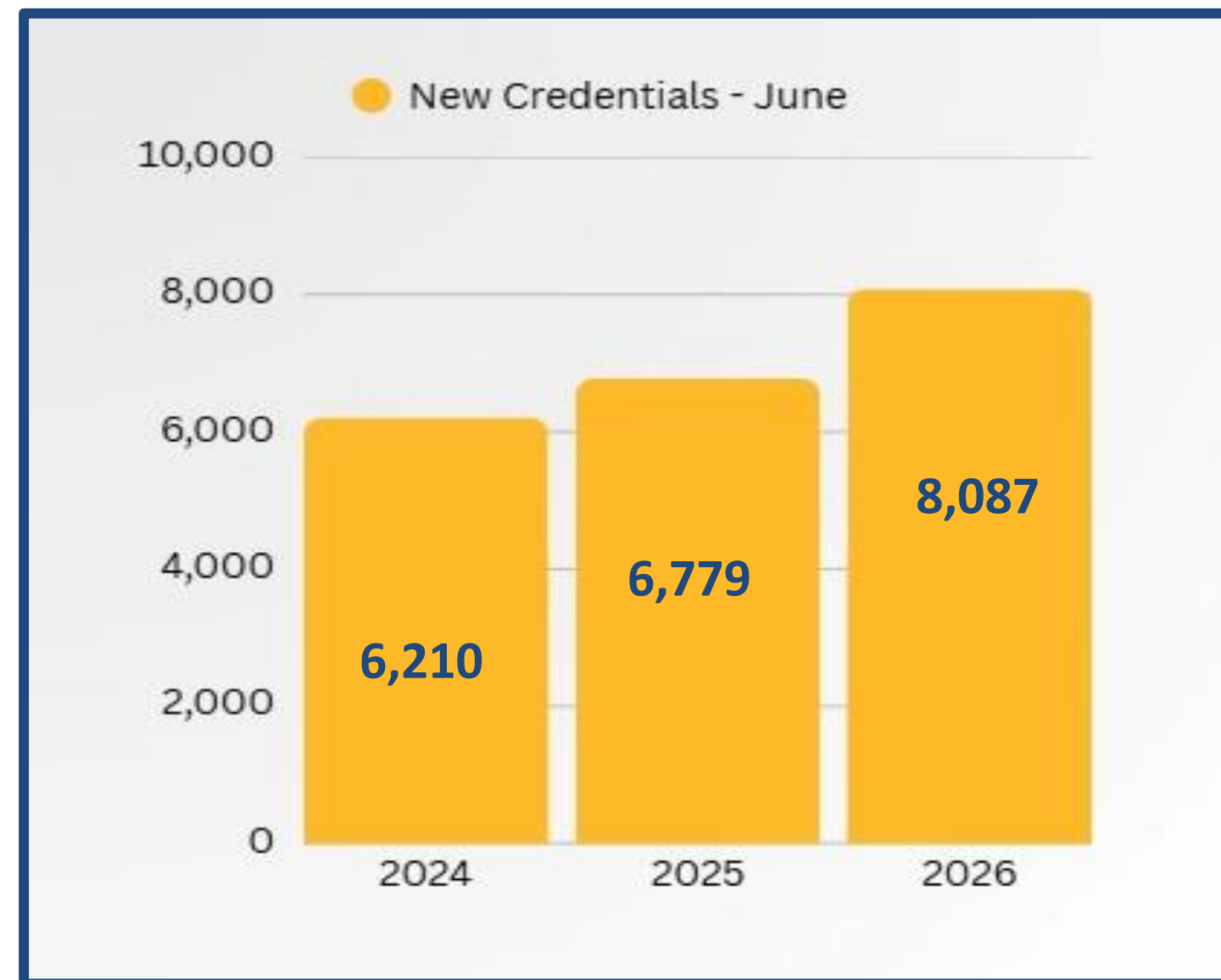
- 2023-25 - The most productive years in agency history
- 32% increase compared to 2020-22



# DSPS Success

## June Numbers – 2024-26

- June is a good barometer for how quickly we are getting new graduates into the workforce



# More Than Licensing



Regulation

Building Plan  
Review

Fire Prevention +  
Safety

Rulemaking

Public Worker Safety

Administer Regulatory Boards

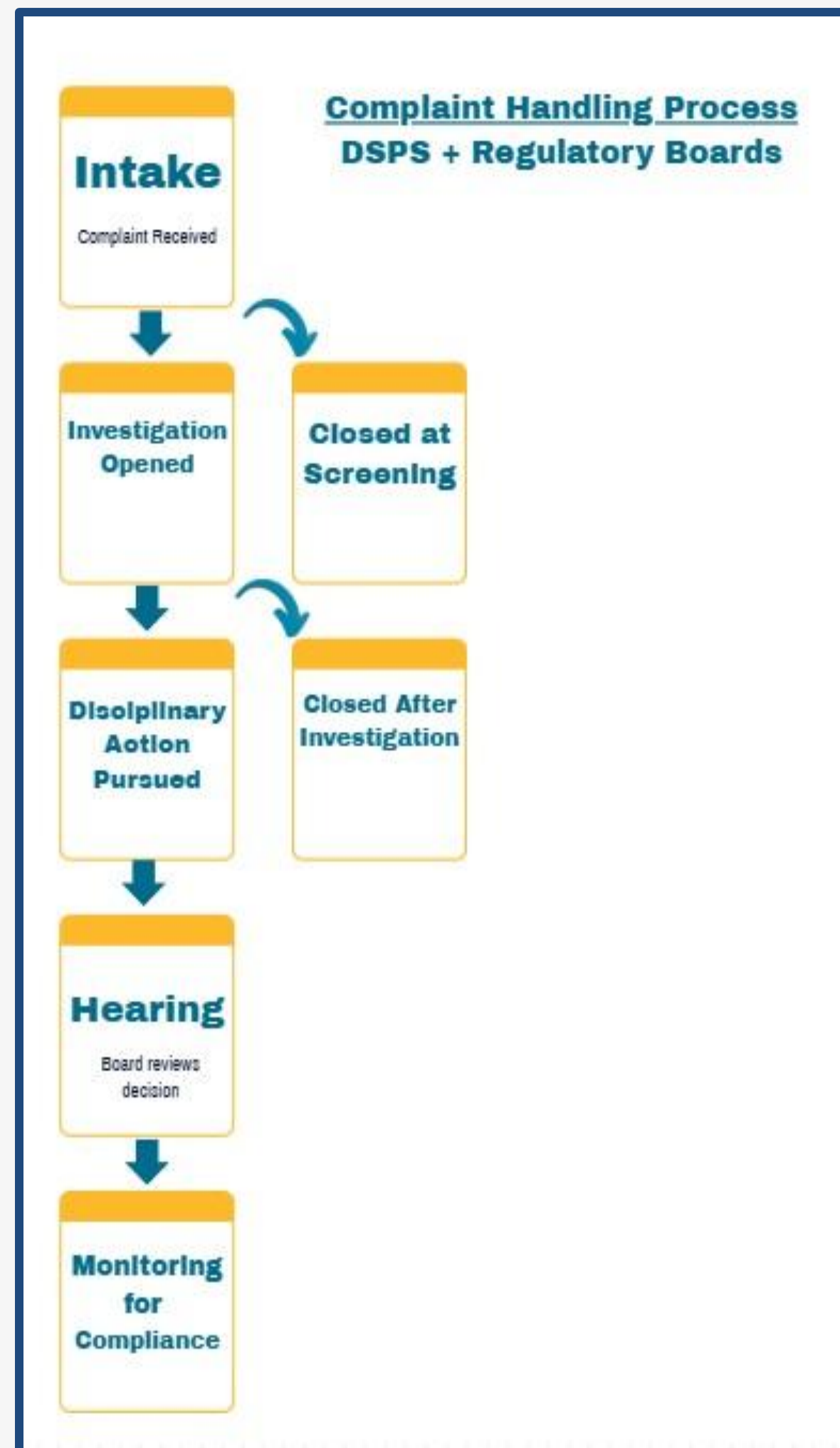
Prescription Drug Monitoring

Educational Approval

Investigate  
Complaints

Safety Codes

Amusement Ride Inspections





# **Work With Boards**

## **Enforcing Licensing Requirements, Rules of Practice**

## **Many Steps in Rulemaking**

- Scope Request
- Writing
- Board Review
- Clearinghouse Review
- Public Hearings
- Governor Approval
- Submit to Legislature
- Submit for Publication
- Rule Takes Effect



# **Work With Boards**



## **Policy Development**

- Dental Diploma Privilege
- Implementing Interstate Compacts
- APRN implementation

# Current Policy Work

## APRN License

- Gov. Evers signed 2025 Wisconsin Act 17 last August, creating an APRN license in Wisconsin
- As of Monday, we are accepting applications
- Changes to current APNP licenses effective September 1
- Some impact to current license holders
- FAQ updated with the latest information on the nursing pages at [www.dsps.gov](http://www.dsps.gov)



# Current Policy Work

## DACA Eligibility

- Gov. Evers signed 2025 Wisconsin Act 240 in April, clearing the way for DACA recipients to receive an occupational license in Wisconsin
- DSPS has been working to implement this change, including processes to verify DACA status
- Recently had our first DACA recipient to earn a Wisconsin occupational license

# Current Policy Work

## BSN Clinical Faculty

### Exception

- Gov. Evers signed an emergency rule last month allowing qualified RNs with bachelor's degrees to serve as clinical instructors in WI nursing programs
- Required change to rule N 1
- Public hearing scheduled for Sept. 10



**QUESTIONS?**



**THANK  
YOU**