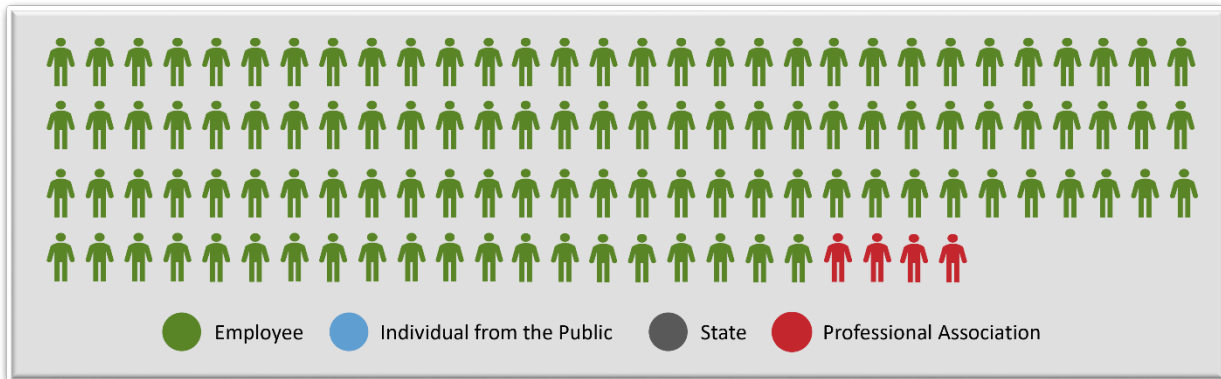## VA STANDARD OF PRACTICE FOR MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST
### Comment Count Report

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is developing a national standard of practice for VA Medical Technologists which would standardize the scope of practice for these health care professionals in all VA medical facilities provided they have the proper education, training, and skills to perform the tasks and duties detailed in the national standard of practice.

On May 24, 2024, VA posted the proposed VA standard of practice for Medical Technologist in the Federal Register (89 FR 45940) for public comment and within VA's intranet for VA employee comment. VA also sent letters, including the proposed VA standard of practice, to the national professional organizations and state licensing boards for Medical Technologists to provide an opportunity for them to comment directly to VA on the proposed standard. VA requested all comments on the Federal Register, VA's intranet site, and from the states and professional organizations be provided within 60 days. The comment period closed on July 23, 2024, and VA received 114 comments in total.



VA received 110 comments from VA employees, and no comments from individuals from the public. As of July 23, 2024 VA received 4 comments from the professional organizations and no comments from state licensing boards for Medical Technologists; 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 Medical Technologists in light of the comments, including those that present evidence-based practice and alternatives that help VA meet our mission and goals.

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 Medical Technologists is published in Veterans Health Administration Directive 1900, which will be available at https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?pub=1.