

Agency Purpose

Minnesota Statutes mandate that the Board of Medical Practice *protects the public*. In the interest of public health, safety, and welfare, and to protect the public from the unprofessional, improper, incompetent, and unlawful practice of medicine, it is necessary to provide laws and regulations to govern the granting and subsequent use of the license to practice medicine.

- ⇒ The board protects the public by granting qualified applicants the privilege to practice in Minnesota.
- ⇒ The board investigates complaints relating to the competency or behavior of individual licensees or registrants.

Core Functions

The board enforces the Medical Practice Act by:

- ◆ ensuring that applicants for credentials have met all statutory requirements for license or registration;
- ◆ investigating and responding to public and agency inquiries, complaints, and reports regarding licensed and registered practitioners;
- ◆ implementing educational or disciplinary action with impaired or incompetent practitioners, thus ensuring that standards of care are met; and
- ◆ providing information and education about licensure requirements and standards of practice to the public and other interested audiences.

Operations

The board is made up of 11 physicians and five public members, all of whom are appointed by the governor. The board also regulates acupuncturists, athletic trainers, physician assistants, respiratory care practitioners, midwives, and professional firms.

Approximately 24 board staff are employed to process licensing and complaint information for the board’s review and to handle administrative functions. Historically, the board has licensed or registered 2,100 new practitioners each year. On an average, the board receives 700 – 900 complaints per year, resulting in approximately 66 disciplinary orders or corrective action agreements during that time frame.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenses for the FY 2004-05 biennium are estimated to be \$7.524 million. The board staff includes 24.0 full-time equivalent employees.

Of the total budget for the FY 2004-05 biennium, an estimated \$8.419 million will be collected as non-dedicated revenue and deposited into the state government special revenue fund. Two thousand will be collected as dedicated revenue and deposited into the special revenue fund. The board collects fees charged to physicians, physician assistants, acupuncturists, athletic trainers, professional firms, midwives, and respiratory care practitioners. The dedicated revenue is from fees collected for seminars sponsored by the board. The board is responsible to collect enough revenue to recover all direct and indirect costs.

The board is responsible for the costs of services received from the Attorney General’s Office (AGO), Health Professional Services Program, Department of Health HIV/HBV/HCV program, and the Administrative Services Unit. Currently, the board has a partnership agreement with the AGO. Payments are made directly to the AGO on a quarterly basis. A direct appropriation is given to the Health Professional Services Program, HIV/HBV/HCV program, and the Administrative Services Unit from the state government special revenue fund. The board must ensure that sufficient revenue is collected through its fees to fund their portion of these programs costs.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2004-05:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$7.524 million

Total Estimated Revenues: \$8.419 million

Staff: 24.0 Full-time equivalent employees

**Minnesota Board of Medical Practice
License Statistics
(As of July 15, 2004)**

Total Licensed: 21,164

Contact

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The website at: <http://www.bmp.state.mn.us> gives visitors easy access to useful information about medical practice. Types of information available through the website include; regulatory news and updates, rules and Minnesota statutes, public notices, and forms.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2006-07
	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	3,498	3,498	3,498	3,498	6,996
Forecast Base	3,498	3,498	3,404	3,404	6,808
Change		0	(94)	(94)	(188)
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					-2.7%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	2,410	2,847	3,404	3,404	6,808
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	48	58	58	58	116
Statutory Appropriations					
Special Revenue	0	1	1	1	2
Total	2,458	2,906	3,463	3,463	6,926
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	1,421	1,539	1,398	1,393	2,791
Other Operating Expenses	1,037	1,367	1,240	1,245	2,485
Transfers	0	0	825	825	1,650
Total	2,458	2,906	3,463	3,463	6,926
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Medical Practice, Board Of	2,458	2,906	3,463	3,463	6,926
Total	2,458	2,906	3,463	3,463	6,926
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	23.4	26.0	22.0	21.0	