

**Agency Purpose**

The M.S. 153.01 – 153.26 and Minnesota Rules 6900 provide the Minnesota Board of Podiatric Medicine responsibility to act as the official licensure agency for podiatrists. The board was originally created and currently exists to protect the public’s interest through the regulation of podiatrists in the state of Minnesota. Regulation is accomplished through licensure examination and renewal, as well as by the investigation of complaints.

The mission of the board is:

- ◆ to promote the public’s interest in quality podiatric health care from competent podiatric health professionals by ensuring that podiatrists’ qualifications meet the specifications established by the board; and
- ◆ to protect the public by ensuring that all licensees provide quality podiatric health care.

**Core Functions**

The board accomplishes its mission by:

- ◆ setting and administering educational requirements and examination standards for licensure as a podiatrist;
- ◆ responding to public and agency inquiries, complaints, and reports regarding licensure and conduct on applicants, permit holders, licensees, and unlicensed practitioners;
- ◆ reviewing complaints of alleged violations of statutes and rules, holding disciplinary conferences with licensees, and taking legal action to suspend or revoke the licenses of podiatrists who fail to meet standards; and
- ◆ providing information and education about licensure requirements and standards of practice to the public and other interested audiences.

**Operations**

Services are delivered by issuing licenses to qualified individuals, renewal certificates to licensees meeting continuing education requirements, temporary permits to individuals doing residencies, and license verifications to credentialing services and hospitals. The agency protects the public by investigating complaints and holding educational and disciplinary conferences with licensees. Disciplinary actions and Agreements for Corrective Action further protect the public.

**Budget**

The board’s FY 2004-05 budget totals \$128,000. The board staff is comprised of .50 full-time equivalent employees.

Of the total budget for the biennium, \$155,000 will be collected as non-dedicated revenue which is deposited into the state government special revenue fund. The board collects fees charged to applicants, permit holders, licensees, and organizations seeking license verifications. The board is responsible for collecting 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, Health Professional Services Program, and the Administrative Services Unit. A direct appropriation is given to each of these programs 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 program costs.

**At A Glance**

**Biennial Budget – FY 2004-05:**

**Total Estimated Expenses: \$128,000**

**Total Estimated Revenues: \$155,000**

**Staff: .50 Full-time equivalent employee**

**Minnesota Licensed Podiatrists  
Statistics**

(As of June 30, 2004)

**Total Licensed: 185**

**Contact**

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The web site at: <http://www.podiatry.state.mn.us> gives visitors easy access to useful information about podiatric medicine. 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	
<b><u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u></b>					
<b>State Government Spec Revenue</b>					
Current Appropriation	45	45	45	45	90
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>90</b>
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					0%
 <b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>					
<b>Direct Appropriations</b>					
State Government Spec Revenue	43	47	45	45	90
<b>Open Appropriations</b>					
State Government Spec Revenue	0	2	2	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>94</b>
 <b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>					
Total Compensation	35	35	35	36	71
Other Operating Expenses	8	14	12	11	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>94</b>
 <b><u>Expenditures by Program</u></b>					
Podiatry, Board Of	43	49	47	47	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>94</b>
 <b>Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)</b>	 <b>0.5</b>	 <b>0.5</b>	 <b>0.5</b>	 <b>0.5</b>	