

Agency Purpose

The Board of Medical Practice was established July 1, 1887, and is mandated by M.S. 214 and M.S. 147.01 to protect 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.

At A Glance

**Minnesota Board of Medical Practice
License Statistics
(As of June 30, 2008)**

Total New Licensed:	1,666
Total Licensed:	23,365
Total Complaints:	868
Total Resolved Complaints:	779

Staff: 24.0 Full-time equivalent employees

Core Functions

The board regulates the practice of medicine by enforcing its rules and applicable laws on ethics and by monitoring continuing education, professional education requirements, quality review and investigating complaints. The board also follows M.S. 214, which generally governs boards and commissions charged with regulating certain occupations in Minnesota.

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.

Key Goals

- ◆ Protect the health of Minnesotans by ensuring quality of medical practice and by the activities included in our mission statement.
- ◆ Respect all of our licensees and registrants and the general public by making informed, fair, and even-handed decisions that protect the public.
- ◆ Ensure that all individuals who come before the board, either as complainants or respondents, fully understand the processes used to protect the public.
- ◆ Strive for consistency and not discriminate with respect to gender, ethnicity, religion, disability status, or sexual orientation in our dealings with employees, public, and licensees.

Key Measures

- ◆ Public protection – the board's website offers several services to the public including viewing disciplinary orders, access to information on the complaint process and obtaining forms and information regarding how to file a complaint and viewing individual licensee disciplinary history.
- ◆ Online services – the board offers license verification, address and contact information changes, license renewals and information for licensees.
- ◆ Public information – the board offers a public website, newsletters, presentations, public outreach, brochures, and staff answering the phone during business hours.
- ◆ Currently the board has 85% of its licensees using the online renewal service.
- ◆ Currently the board has 90% of its licensees using the online renewal service.
- ◆ Licensed/Registered Professionals age distribution is 23 through 96 (years of age).
- ◆ Number of complaints has increased by 12.5% from last biennium.
- ◆ Number of resolved complaints has increased by 8.9% from last biennium.
- ◆ Statistical variables of the professions regulated by the board:
 - Metro Area Licensed/Registered: 10,902
 - Outside of Metro Area Licensed/Registered: 7,658
 - Out of Minnesota Licensed/Regulated: 4,759

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2008-09 are estimated to be \$10.019 million, which includes 24 FTE employees. Direct expenditures include salaries, rent and other operating expenditures. The board receives a direct appropriation for these costs. Indirect expenditures include costs of services received by the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, Department of Health HIV/HBV/HCV program, Office of Mental Health Program and the Administrative Services Unit. The board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures.

The board is estimated to collect \$9.047 million in FY 2008-09, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. Revenue is collected from fees charged to applicants, licensees, and sponsors of continuing education programs.

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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 2010-11
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	4,120	3,682	3,682	3,682	7,364
Forecast Base	4,120	3,682	3,682	3,682	7,364
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					-5.6%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Carry Forward					
State Government Spec Revenue	83	577	0	0	0
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	2,336	4,277	3,682	3,682	7,364
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	12	31	58	58	116
Statutory Appropriations					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	3	1	1	1	2
Total	2,434	4,886	3,741	3,741	7,482
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	1,569	1,872	1,957	1,999	3,956
Other Operating Expenses	865	3,014	1,116	1,008	2,124
Transfers	0	0	668	734	1,402
Total	2,434	4,886	3,741	3,741	7,482
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Medical Practice, Board Of	2,434	4,886	3,741	3,741	7,482
Total	2,434	4,886	3,741	3,741	7,482
 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	 22.1	 26.8	 26.8	 26.8	

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2008	Budgeted FY2009	Current Law		Biennium 2010-11
			FY2010	FY2011	
<i>Non Dedicated Revenue:</i>					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	4,656	4,674	4,702	4,949	9,651
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	4,656	4,674	4,702	4,949	9,651
<i>Dedicated Receipts:</i>					
Departmental Earnings:					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	3	1	1	1	2
Total Dedicated Receipts	3	1	1	1	2
Agency Total Revenue	4,659	4,675	4,703	4,950	9,653