

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: A23 - St Medical-Oprs

Funding Sources: 318 - Medical Board-Cash

The Arkansas State Medical Board is funded from fees charged by the Agency, as authorized by A.C.A. § 17-88-304. The Board licenses and regulates physicians, physician assistants, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, occupational therapists and respiratory therapists. The Board also registers medical corporations. The goal of the Medical Board is that all citizens be provided the highest quality health care.

Base Level positions were changed from unclassified to classified to reflect the recommendations of the Pay Plan Study and salaries were adjusted accordingly. The Medical Board Secretary/Treasurer position remained unclassified with a salary increase of 5% in FY10. A 2.3% Cost of Living Allowance is reflected in the second year of the biennium. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries may include board member Stipend payments and Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching includes a \$75 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$425.

The Board is currently authorized 38 full-time positions and one extra help position as well as maintenance and operation expenses. Additional requests total \$373,080 in FY10 and \$189,327 in FY11. The three additional positions will be used in the Centralized Credentials Verification Service department of the Board. The Administrative Analyst position is needed for staff training and review of credentialing orders received from clients. The two Licensing Coordinator positions are needed to address the increasing number of orders being received primarily from telemedicine physicians. These physicians work from a central location and have privileges in many small, rural facilities in the State. These physicians can have an average of 118 privileges which must be verified and then re-verified every 120 days. Total cost of the positions is \$113,080 in FY10 and \$115,327 in FY11.

Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay requests are to replace out of warranty workstations and servers as well as a new tape library for data storage and off site backup required by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Requests total \$254,000 in FY10 and \$52,000 in FY11.

During the current biennium, the Board received additional appropriation from the DFA Cash Holding Account for Professional Fees. The Board used the increases for consulting services and audit fees to the NCQA. Continuation of the \$6,000 in FY10 and the \$22,000 in FY11 is being requested.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

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Commitment Item		2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009	2009-2010			2010-2011		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Legislative	Agency	Executive	Legislative
Regular Salaries	5010000	1,244,881	1,492,472	1,486,772	1,592,900	1,592,900	1,592,900	1,628,643	1,628,643	1,628,643
#Positions		38	38	38	41	41	41	41	41	41
Extra Help	5010001	337	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
#Extra Help		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Personal Services Matching	5010003	406,614	435,686	459,951	504,495	504,495	504,495	511,210	511,210	511,210
Operating Expenses	5020002	921,779	894,180	894,180	929,180	929,180	929,180	894,180	894,180	894,180
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	654	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Professional Fees	5060010	132,270	152,000	130,000	136,000	136,000	136,000	152,000	152,000	152,000
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds/Reimbursements	5110014	5,545	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Capital Outlay	5120011	60,524	49,000	49,000	219,000	219,000	219,000	52,000	52,000	52,000
Total		2,772,604	3,052,838	3,049,403	3,411,075	3,411,075	3,411,075	3,267,533	3,267,533	3,267,533

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Fund Balance	4000005	2,252,779	2,684,884		2,832,046	2,832,046	2,832,046	2,620,971	2,620,971	2,620,971
Cash Fund	4000045	3,204,709	3,200,000		3,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000
Total Funding		5,457,488	5,884,884		6,032,046	6,032,046	6,032,046	5,820,971	5,820,971	5,820,971
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(2,684,884)	(2,832,046)		(2,620,971)	(2,620,971)	(2,620,971)	(2,553,438)	(2,553,438)	(2,553,438)
Grand Total		2,772,604	3,052,838		3,411,075	3,411,075	3,411,075	3,267,533	3,267,533	3,267,533

FY08 Authorized amount for Capital Outlay was \$197,000. FY09 Regular Salaries exceed the authorized amount due to Career Service Payments. FY09 Professional Fees exceed the authorized amount due to additional appropriation received from the DFA Cash Holding Account.